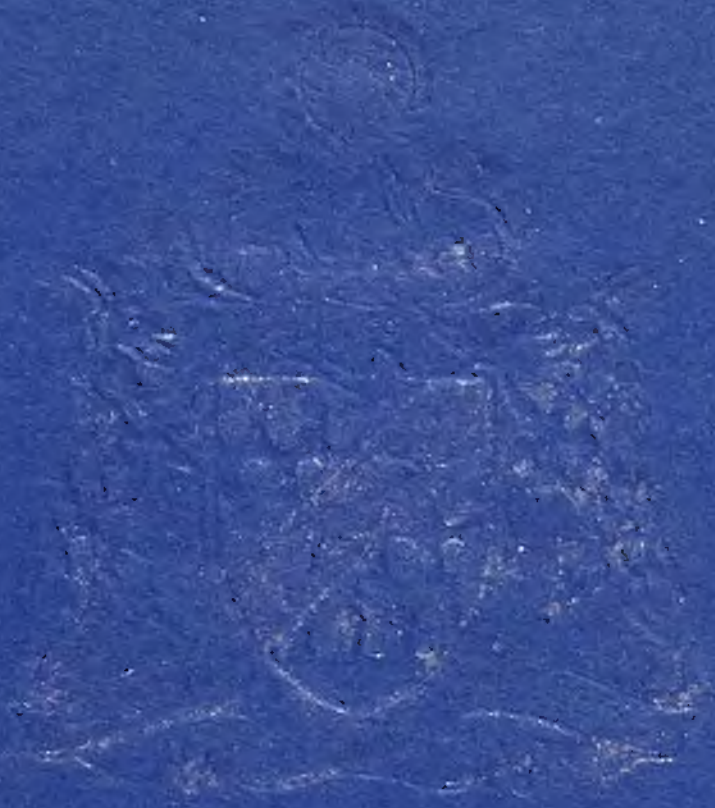


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PREFECTS, 1950-51



Standing: I. M. GLOINSON, R. E. PARTINGTON, H. NORMAN, A. J. WOOLFORD, C. JARRETT.
Sitting: D. F. GAINSBOROUGH (Captain of the School), DR. T. W. TAYLOR, M. J. BOVINGTON.

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EDITORIAL

Towards the end of their school careers most boys become impressed with the need for some degree of selection in their choice of activities, as it is practically impossible to do everything that lies open to them.

This need is particularly evident in the academic side of school life where a wide choice of subjects is offered, and all boys, Sixth Formers in particular, are encouraged to select and specialise so that they may concentrate on a few branches of learning in sufficient detail to gain some appreciation of their true value and complexity. As a result a lively and personal interest in some particular subject is often aroused, leading, perhaps, to a life-long study and much benefit to the community at large from the personal skills acquired.

There are, however, probably more boys personally concerned about getting the best out of various school sports than there are concerned with making the most of their opportunities in academic education. Yet, in spite of this, the general attitude to any particular sport is often far from satisfactory. This may be due partly to ignorance of all the advantages accruing to the really skilful participant and partly to a fallacious belief that any kind of sport is on the whole less difficult and less complex than any kind of academic pursuit, requiring less concentration and less patient application than are generally given to any school subject. It would, therefore, seem desirable that if a boy is to achieve the highest efficiency and success of which he is capable in sport, bearing in mind the benefit to any team of which he may be a member, there should be the same degree of specialization and attention to detail as is considered necessary in the academic sphere.

With this end in view, and in the hope that all boys will take a more vigorous interest in the skills and complexities of the various school sports, the Games Committee has recently made certain recommendations which should, in due course, be given careful consideration so that both the individual and the general standard of attainment in school games may benefit accordingly.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Captain of the School:
D. F. GAINSBOROUGH

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I. M. GLOINSON H. NORMAN A. J. WOOLFORD

House Captains:
Calverts: M. J. BOVINGTON Meadows: C. JARRETT
Hendersons: J. TURNER Russells: A. J. WOOLFORD
Joblings: M. S. LUMSDEN Strouts: I. M. GLOINSON

Captains of Games:
Rugby: D. F. GAINSBOROUGH Cross Country: C. JARRETT
Cricket: D. F. GAINSBOROUGH Basket Ball: H. NORMAN
Boxing: S. FREILICH Fives: V. TUNKELL
Rowing: I. M. GLOINSON Shooting: P. S. HERD
Athletics: A. J. WOOLFORD Swimming: P. S. HERD
Tennis: S. FREILICH

Games Secretary: M. J. BOVINGTON
Senior N.C.O., C.C.F.: D. F. GAINSBOROUGH
School Librarian: B. W. R. BENNETT
School Recorder: R. E. PARTINGTON

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

At Easter we were sorry to bid farewell to Mr. H. A. W. Shea, B.Sc., Senior Biology Master, who flew off on Good Friday to Kenya to take up an appointment in the Colonial Education Service. Mr. Shea came to us in September, 1947, and did much to popularise Biology in the School not only through the interesting work done in his laboratory but also through the Biological Society and through the excellent exhibitions he arranged for Speech Days. May he have every success in his new venture.

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Mr. T. H. Savory, M.A., F.Z.S., has succeeded Mr. Shea as head of the Biology department. He comes to us from Malvern College, where he has been a science master for many years, and we extend a warm welcome to him.

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We are sorry to hear that this term we are to lose Mr. D. I. Breese, M.Sc., from the Chemistry department, Mr. P. A. Dickson, M.A., from the Modern Languages department, Mr. D. R. Witney B.A., from the English department, and Mrs. E. E. Witney, B.A., from the Preparatory department.

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Mr. Breese, who has been with us since September, 1948, and has in addition to his activities in the Chemistry department taken a keen interest in games, particularly cricket, is going to the

Stationers' Company's School in Hornsey to become Senior Chemistry Master.

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Mr. Witney, who also joined the staff in September, 1948, has taken a very active part in the School Dramatic Society's activities. He produced the successful performances of "The Rivals" last Autumn, and his recent characterisation of the sentry in "Iolanthe" will long be remembered. He goes to Dulwich College English department and will be taking up residence in Dulwich at the end of this term. With him goes Mrs. Witney who will be sadly missed by the Prep. department at Chase Lodge, where she has been an enthusiastic member of the staff since September, 1949. We wish them both every happiness in their new sphere of activity.

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Mr. Dickson, who joined the Modern Languages staff in May, 1949, has, in his short stay, made a major contribution to School institutions in developing the newly formed Naval Section of the C.C.F. He has also been an enthusiastic member of the School Orchestra as a horn player. He leaves in July to re-join the Army as an officer in the Royal Army Education Corps. and we wish him every success in his new appointment.

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Mr. R. A. Lewin was given a warm welcome on his return to the Preparatory department in May after his long illness. During his absence the department was under the care of Mr. Manning with Mr. A. J. Henderson as an additional member of staff.

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Congratulations are long overdue to Messrs. Hickman and Thomas on their marriages last Autumn, and to Mr. Bothwell who was married in April.

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Mr. Thomas is also to be congratulated on the distinction of representing Wales at Hockey both at home and in the international tournament in Spain, and on being selected to represent Great Britain in a hockey tour of South Africa this summer.

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The following boys have gained University Scholarships during the year:—

J. I. Bausor—a Science Exhibition at St. John's College, Cambridge.

J. M. Bowsher—a Science Scholarship at The Imperial College of Science, University of London.

E. D. Chambers—an Open Scholarship at University College, Bangor, N. Wales.

M. S. Lumsden has been appointed a Sub-prefect.

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D. F. Gainsborough was appointed Captain of Cricket for 1951, with M. S. Lumsden as Vice-Captain.

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Rugger colours were re-awarded to Gainsborough, Norman, Bovington, Morrison, Parker, Partington and Pinnell. New colours were awarded to Lumsden.

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Boxing Colours were re-awarded to S. Freilich and B. J. Pinnell. New awards were made to Cullingford, Nash, A. M. Newton, J. M. Newton and M. O. Newton.

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Rowing Colours have been awarded to I. M. Gloinson, D. R. S. Harper and J. M. Gibson.

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Athletic Proficiency Badges were awarded to V. C. Matthews (Senior 1st Class), and to I. S. R. White (Intermediate 1st Class).

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Cross Country Colours were re-awarded to D. A. Jones and A. J. Woolford and new awards were made to B. M. Darke and P. Herd.

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S. Freilich has been appointed Captain of Tennis for 1951.

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The Hayles Shield for Senior Rugby, the Rogers Shield for Junior Rugby and the Paddock Cup for Seven-a-sides were all won by Calverts.

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The Harper Shield for Senior Boxing was won by Calverts, while the shield for Junior Boxing went to Meadows.

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The Hinton Shield for Athletics was also won by Calverts.

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The Littlefield Cup for Cross-Country running, the Rowing Cup and the Basket-ball Competition were won by Strouts.

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At the end of the Spring Term Calverts were leading in all the inter-House Competitions—in the Dunton Shield, the Crossman Shield and the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield Competitions. They are to be heartily congratulated on this splendid performance.

At the end of the Autumn term the Annual School Carol Service, led by the Choir conducted by Dr. McLellan, took place as usual in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. It was attended by a large congregation of parents and friends and was distinguished by the presence of the new Bishop of Willesden, who preached a short sermon.

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On the 14th June the Choir again visited Eton College Chapel to take part in the special service for Public Schools Choirs arranged by the Royal School of Church Music.

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The special Confirmation Service for members of the School, who have been prepared by the Chaplain, will take place at the church of St. Francis of Assisi, Gladstone Park, on Tuesday, 3rd July, at 8.0 p.m. The Bishop of Willesden will officiate and parents and friends of the candidates are cordially invited to attend.

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On Thursday, 12th July, the School Music Society will present its annual concert in the School Hall.

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The Swimming Gala will, as usual, take place at the Marshall Street Baths, off Regent Street, W.1., on Friday, 13th July, at 9.15 a.m. Admission will be by ticket only, obtainable from Mr. W. H. Crossman at the School.

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Speech Day, or as it is now called, Commendation Day, will be held at the School on Friday, 20th July. The prizes will be presented by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Denys Lowson.

An exhibition of School work and activities will again be open for the inspection of parents and friends.

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The Lower School Sports will be held at Chase Lodge on Saturday, 21st July, commencing at 2.15 p.m., and will be followed later the same day by a Sixth Form Dance in the Hall.

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Finally, it is hoped that most of the Lower School will be able to make a special expedition to the South Bank Exhibition, in connection with the Festival of Britain, on Monday, 23rd July.

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Mr. Cooper, assisted by Mr. Beynon, will again be conducting a party to Switzerland towards the end of August. The party will be about double the size of the one that went to Austria last year.

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The Summer Term will end on Wednesday, 25th July; and the Autumn term will begin on Wednesday, 19th September, and end on Wednesday, 19th December.

LOWER SCHOOL NOTES

In the autumn term, as usual, we welcomed nearly a hundred new boys, to take the place of those who had been promoted to the Upper School. These soon settled down, to make three lively First forms, taking an active part in our life. R. K. Fisk was appointed Lower School Captain. The spring term has been a bad one—a term of floods and 'flu. At the worst period, almost one-fifth of our number were absent with influenza; while waterlogged grounds deprived us of many games. We did, however, get some cross-country runs, which were enjoyed by most of those who took part. For the same reason, we were only just able to fit in the match with the Preparatory Department; a pleasant game, in which our greater weight balanced the disadvantage of our not having played together as a team since the rugger season started. A number of L.S. boys have taken advantage of the facilities for tennis coaching, and we have some keen juniors in embryo. The younger members, too, have distinguished themselves by their enthusiasm in boxing. The L.S. Boxing Shield was won by Meadows.

Our chief societies—Chess, Debating, and Natural History, have renewed their activities; and reports from the secretaries appear below. In the School Operatic Society's production of 'Iolanthe,' we provided Iolanthe herself (H. J. Clifford), and most of the chorus of fairies. They worked hard and keenly at the numerous rehearsals, and had a creditable share in the success of the whole production. Much good work has been done, too, in making puppets and writing plays for the puppet theatre in the Crafts room. On two or three afternoons after school groups of plays have been performed, some showing considerable promise. We are indebted to Mr. Lear for his continued inspiration. In School charity we have raised approximately £44 in the two terms—1a being the leaders in the autumn, 3s tying with 2b in the spring. Our thanks to the collectors and contributors in this good cause.

The Lower School House competition for the Work and Conduct shield was won in both terms by Joblings, with Strouts as runners-up.

J.F.C.

LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

This year has been a very pleasant and successful one for us. Three Form Tournaments were arranged—for the First, Seconds and Thirds. In the House Tournament, Russells with Rose, Robert, Lewis and Worth, were worthy winners, scoring 15 out of a possible 20 points, while Calverts were runners-up with 13. The House Trophy was, appropriately, a chromium knight mounted on a black base.

We were also glad to play two inter-school matches. The first ended in a 3—3 draw with Christ's College, Finchley; a highly

creditable result, since our opponents were older and two of our selected players were absent through illness. The second was a comfortable 5—1 win against Belmont, but in truth it must be reported that in this instance our opponents were rather younger. The following represented the school, in order of the boards they played; Dearer, Stark, Fisk, Rose, Robert, Mercer, Hoare and Szmidla. Finally, but most importantly, we wish to acknowledge with the greatest of thanks, the work done by Mr. Bothwell, whose interest and efforts on our behalf made it possible to carry on so happily.

J. M. DEANER.

LOWER SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

Several debates were held during the last two terms, with a variety of contrasting subjects. They were very well attended with an average number of 40, a considerable proportion of whom participated.

Our first debate was devoted to the subject "That Films give a false impression of Life." A lively discussion ensued with promising speeches by Groom and Claff. A thrilling meeting was held on the proposition "That the Festival of Britain is a waste of money." After the expenditure of much heat and emotion, this was rejected by three votes. Another interesting debate was on the motion "That more money should be spent on rearmament than housing," which was carried by one vote.

Something new in meetings of the Society was a Discussion Team dealing with questions directed by members of the audience. This proved a great success, and is well worth repeating. Informative papers, were also read by Fitzgerald on "Model Railways" and Worth on "Photography," whilst our final meeting was devoted to a number of Hat Debates.

The Debating Society has proved its usefulness by giving to many an opportunity to express themselves in public, by stimulating intellectual activities, and also by offering a centre for social comradeship.

Our president, Geer, deserves the fullest thanks for the successful running of all the meetings and I should like to thank Mr. Craig for the generous help and patient advice he has given us during the year.

J. M. DEANER, *Hon. Sec.*

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Owing to the autumn term being the first of a new school year, we made rather a delayed start. However, although short, the term's session was quite successful; four interesting talks were given, notably one by M. G. Rothwell of 2a on "Ponds and Pond Life." Other speakers and subjects were:—J. D. Fox of 3s on "Tortoises

as Pets," J. M. Hoare, also of 3s, on "Some British Birds," and A. J. Groom of 3a on "Tame Mice."

In the spring term talks were given by:—

M. F. Layland	"British Hawks."
C. I. Carter	"British Waders."
M. G. Rothwell	"Dogs."
Mr. Cooper	"Animals of the Kon-tiki Expedition."
P. M. Oppenheimer	"Whales."
N. D. Geer	"Tropical Fish and Aquaria."
M. Tappin	"Catching Wild Animals for Zoos."
C. Ridge	"Some British Insects."
A. A. Hersey	"British Wild Mammals."

During the meetings we were assisted by committee members Martin and Carter, first and second form representatives respectively. Finally we should like to thank our president, Mr. Cooper, for his continual interest in the activities of the society and for all the work he has put in to keep the society running smoothly.

P. M. OPPENHEIMER, *Chairman.*

N. D. GEER, *Hon. Sec.*

LOWER SCHOOL SHIELD

Spring 1951

<i>MINUS</i> Points	C	H	J	M	R	S
Detentions ...	153	114	69	74	96	57
Lines ...	16	14	14	7	8	18
Lates ...	20	27	18	16	25	25
Cane ...	18	6	12	18	0	0
'B' work ...	80	80	60	60	40	70
Total <i>MINUS</i> ...	287	241	173	170	169	170
<i>PLUS</i> Points						
'E' & 'G' work	600	600	790	720	610	760
Capt., & Societies	87	26	82	40	60	55
Total <i>PLUS</i> ...	687	626	872	760	670	815
Less <i>MINUS</i> ...	287	241	173	170	169	170
<i>NETT POINTS</i> ...	400	385	699	590	501	645
No. in House ...	45	46	45	45	45	44
Points per head ...	8.9	8.4	15.5	13.1	11.1	14.7
<i>ORDER</i> ...	5	6	1	3	4	2
	1	Joblings ...	...	15.5		
	2	Strouts ...	...	14.7		
	3	Meadows ...	...	13.1		
	4	Russells ...	...	11.1		
	5	Calverts ...	...	8.9		
	6	Hendersons ...	...	8.4		

J.F.C.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT NOTES

The School year opened sadly for us owing to the absence of Mr. Lewin. The thoughts of all were with him throughout the term. We are very thankful that he has made such a good recovery from his operation, and has been able to resume his duties once more.

In September last we were pleased to welcome Mr. Henderson as a temporary member of the staff. In addition 29 new boys joined the Department and seem to have settled down well.

The past two terms have been noted for the many changes that have taken place at Chase Lodge, the appalling weather and more than our fair share of illness. The Christmas term saw the disappearance of the barn, and in the spring term we bade farewell to the cottage, which has for so long been a home for the staff. Despite all its inadequacies we felt we had lost an old friend. Its demolition caused much excitement, and speculation was rife as to how this was to be accomplished. When it was discovered that gunpowder was not to be used there was great disappointment among the younger members of the Department.

Form outings took place during the Christmas term, visits being made to the Tower of London, the South Kensington Science Museum, the Wallace Collection and the Express Dairy Depot, Cricklewood, where we were most hospitably entertained.

On December 13th we held our Carol Service which was conducted by the Headmaster, Dr. Taylor.

The Annual Christmas Party took place on Friday, December 15th. As usual an excellent tea was provided. We were very pleased to welcome among our many guests the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Lewin.

At the end of the Spring term forms V and IV presented two plays by Miss Field. Both productions were much enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience which included Mr. and Mrs. Lewin. This was the first visit since his illness, and we were all very pleased to have this opportunity of seeing him again.

Football during the spring term was practically non-existent owing to the atrocious weather, which made conditions both overhead and under-foot quite unplayable. During the season new colours were awarded to R. H. S. Cattle, J. P. Turner, J. D. Harris, J. W. Felton and K. R. Barker. The complete table of results is as follows:—

Played 7.	Won 2.	Drawn 1.	Lost 4.	Goals: For, 12.	Against, 15.
	Hendon Preparatory School	<i>Home</i>	Drawn	2—2	
	Hendon Preparatory School	<i>Away</i>	Won	1—0	
	North Bridge House School	<i>Away</i>	Won	6—0	
	Belmont	<i>Home</i>	Lost	1—2	
	Belmont	<i>Away</i>	Lost	1—3	
	Belmont	<i>Away</i>	Lost	1—4	
	Lower School Ex. Prep.	<i>Home</i>	Lost	0—4	

The House matches were played as usual on a league and knockout basis. St. Patrick's by virtue of three wins succeeded in winning the Football Cup.

In the inter-House Competition a ding-dong struggle is going on between St. George's and St. Andrew's, the former at present holding a small lead. St. David's and St. Patrick's are also indulging in a private struggle for third place.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Wilson for his presentation of a very handsome cup for singing and to Mr. Friedman for his promise of a cup, which next year will be the Work Cup.

During the two terms over £17 has been collected for charity, a very praiseworthy effort.

R.J.M.

VISIT TO FESTIVAL GARDENS, BATTERSEA PARK

It sounded almost impossible at first, but we found that there was not an easier way to get there: just take the No. 16 bus from Minster Road to Victoria, and then a train to Battersea Park.

When we arrived at the Park, we could not miss it. There were the Festival Gardens staring us in the face!

After walking right round half the place, and feeling like (well, the experience cannot be put in words), we decided to try entering into the hush-hush world. This was quite easy, after getting the official interested, by telling him the whole purpose of our visit. He produced a pass, and in we went to a world of deep slushy mud, lorries going here and there, workers laughing at the way we marched on, and looking at the quaint buildings nearing completion. What we liked most was the Roller Coaster tracks. Nobody stopped us, and we were free to go anywhere. The cars did look tempting but all we could do was to sit on them, which was, in itself very exciting. Fancy having a seat in the car even before the Gardens were open to the public! It was more interesting to walk up the tracks and peer over the edge, on to the other side.

I must say we felt very privileged to have got a pass just as *some* reporters may do, and to go into a completely different world of originally-designed houses and stalls, theatres and what-nots, joking with the workers, and going anywhere we liked. But it seemed incredible that all those buildings would be finished for the Festival.

A. I. NESSIM.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1950-51.

The season opened for the First XV with a narrow defeat by conversion points in an exciting game against Bedford Modern School. The prospects for the remainder of the season seemed cheering in view of the high standard of play. Not, however, until the final match of the season did the side recover its true form and play really sound and spirited football.

Of courage and keenness there has been more than enough: the plucky tackling against the Old Haberdashers' "A" team is proof in itself of that. Yet in resourcefulness, combination and dash the side has been often sadly lacking. Prodigies of effort have been performed in the closing stages of matches by way of atonement for hesitant lethargic play earlier in the game, and all the advantages of consistent hard play have consequently been wasted. A quick score by the opposition has all too often been allowed to go unavenged, until too late, for lack of effort, and an early advantage has also at times been wantonly forfeited during a following spell of half-hearted play. Too late in the season the team woke up to the grim fact that no scape-goat could be found for its failures and made amends by playing hard and intelligent football which brought its reward in the concluding match, when hitherto victorious Eltham College were well beaten in a vigorous and thrilling game.

The moral is obvious. A side that can score "copy-book" tries and play occasional delightful football belies the facts when it regards intensive coaching in the mechanics of the game as the secret of success. Technique alone does not win matches: it is the morale of a side that ultimately decides its standard of play. Refusal, through misguided zeal or the vain hope for easy victories, to carry out instructions and advice leaves no excuse for self-pity. It is self-discipline and tireless combined effort which bring success. This success came only when that lesson had been belatedly learnt.

Both on and off the field D. F. Gainsborough has been a model of zeal and competence and has been ably assisted by H. Norman. They have been supported by the keenness that exists throughout the Upper School to win a place in one of the Fifteens, and have also done much to foster that keenness themselves. The Second XV and Third XV can review their records with mixed feelings of pride and remorse, while both have several exciting games to remember. The bright star on the horizon is the Colts XV. The fact that Transitus and Fourth Forms have been at Chase Lodge together on Tuesday afternoons has made the training and building of the team a much simpler matter than hitherto. There is much promising material in the side. If all maintain their keenness and learn the lesson of hard and consistent effort in the field of play, we can face the future with reasonable

confidence.

Mr. Crossman has organised everything from coach-travel to tea-arrangements with his customary efficiency, our pitches have been of the best, and much hard work has been readily undertaken by fellow members of the Staff. All such help is gratefully acknowledged, as is that also in refereeing and lecturing in tactics which has been generously given by the Old Haberdashers' Rugby Club.

W. F. B

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

First XV results this year were not as good as might have been expected with seven old Colours still left in the team. However, though match results were disappointing, the standard of play in most games was higher than during the previous year.

It was unfortunate that though the ball was often gained in the scrum the three-quarters seldom looked like a scoring force. For this reason three members of the team were played in positions which were unfamiliar to them. Although the experiment involved some risk it paid dividends towards the end of the season, especially against Eltham College, when the School three-quarters worked as a scoring unit. R. E. Partington, in particular, deserves praise for his determined running on the wing, and M. S. Lumsden for consistently good play at fly-half. The latter had a difficult task, first, in accustoming himself to his new position, and then having to combine in turn with two different scrum-halves, M. J. Bovington and B. J. Pinnell.

The pack were seldom outplayed, and on most occasions they had more than their share of the game. Though lighter than most packs they pushed their weight and gave good support to G. D. N. Parker, whose hooking deserves special praise. In the line-out the School also had their share of the ball, but, except in the case of G. B. Morrison and D. L. Howell, the backing-up in the loose left something to be desired.

The second and third XV, like the first XV, did not have very creditable records. The Seconds, after losing their first match, won the next five in succession, and then proceeded to lose the remaining four.

The Colts XV were the only team to have a record of which they can be at all proud. It can only be hoped that it is a good omen for the future of School Rugby.

I think our disappointing record this year justifies two critical comments. First, if more time were devoted to perfecting scrum-maging, passing, kicking, and other fundamental aspects of the game, I am sure the records of School teams in the future would justify the efforts required. Secondly, the teams would undoubtedly benefit from more support from the touchline than was received this year, when parents, on nearly every occasion, outnumbered boys.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. Barling and all other members of the staff who have helped with the Rugby at School this year, and to express appreciation of H. Norman's loyal assistance in every way as vice-captain.

D. F. GAINSBOROUGH,
Captain of Rugby.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

GAINSBOROUGH, D. F. (Captain) 12st. 4 lbs. A competent back-row forward, industrious in the line-out, he has set a good standard to the pack and team as a whole.

NORMAN, A. (Vice-captain) 11 st. 0 lbs. A versatile player, he has played well both as full-back and centre. He tackles and punts well.

BOVINGTON, M. J. 10 st. 5 lbs. His early play as scrum-half was slow and erratic, but as full-back he has given a good performance, tackling well and improving his kicking and handling.

DANCER, P. 11 st. 0 lbs. New to First XV Rugby he has been lively and competent as wing-forward, and has a useful drop-kick.

FREILICH, S. 10 st. 3 lbs. Both as centre and wing three-quarter he has shown promise but his handling and positioning have been disappointing.

HAYNES, J. P. G. 9 st. 8 lbs. A keen and thrustful centre, he lacks experience and tends to fumble and lose position under pressure.

HOWELL, D. L. 12 st. 8 lbs. A second-row forward with a useful turn of speed. He has co-operated well in forward passing movements. His place-kicking, potentially good, has been most erratic.

KIMBER, M. P. 13 st. 3 lbs. A solid and hard-working second-row forward, useful in the line-out.

LUMSDEN, M. S. 11 st. 4 lbs. He has developed into a sound stand-off half, using his speed, swerve and kick intelligently and successfully.

MORRISON, G. B. 10 st. 4 lbs. A most keen and lively wing-forward, always in the van of attack, and an able dribbler. His frequent offsides have detracted from his usefulness.

PARKER, G. D. N. 10 st. 7 lbs. A resourceful hooker, he has also been lively and useful in the loose.

PARTINGTON, R. E. 11st. 12 lbs. A much improved wing three-quarter, now using his weight and speed to advantage, scoring most of the season's tries.

PINNELL, B. J. 10 st. 8 lbs. A versatile player, now developing into a capable scrum-half. His new position is a necessary curb on his individualistic play.

WARREN, G. P. 11 st. 0 lbs. A hardworking and steady front-row forward with a sound tackle.

WOOLFORD, A. J. 10 st. 8 lbs. A useful front-row forward, hard-working, but with a tendency not to be up with the ball.

The occasional services in the First XV of B. R. MILLER, P. S. HERD and M. O. NEWTON have been of great value.

MATCH ACCOUNTS

Saturday 30th September v. Bedford Modern School. (Away).

Result: Lost—School (2 tries) 6 pts.—(2 goals) 10 pts.

A clever kick ahead by M. S. Lumsden led to a try by R. E. Partington after fifteen minutes play, D. L. Howell missing a difficult conversion. Bedford followed with a goal, to which the School replied with another unconverted try scored by B. R. Miller. In a thrilling second half, in which the First XV had to play without the injured B. J. Pinnell, Bedford regained the lead with a further goal and maintained it until the end of the match.

Team: H. Norman, B. R. Miller, J. P. G. Hughes, S. Freilich, R. E. Partington, M. S. Lumsden, M. J. Bovington, G. P. Warren, G. D. N. Parker, A. J. Woolford, D. L. Howell, M. P. Kimber, G. B. Morrison, D. F. Gainsborough (Capt.), B. J. Pinnell.

Saturday 7th October v. Whitgift Middle School. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (1 goal) 5 pts.—(2 tries) 6 pts.

There was no score until half time and the School did little to distinguish itself until late in the game. The visitors took the lead with an unconverted try. Rallying, the School gained a try near the posts by B. R. Miller, which D. L. Howell converted. Whitgift snatched a narrow victory in the closing minutes with a further try.

Team: P. Dancer deputised for B. J. Pinnell.

Wednesday, 11th October v. City of London School. (Away).

Result: Won—School (2 penalty goals) 6 pts.—(1 try) 3 pts.

Bad handling and lack of thrust marred the School's play. At half time the score was three points each, D. L. Howell having kicked an easy penalty goal and a poor defence having allowed City of London School to score an easy try. Howell, with a further kick in the second half, gave the School the lead which it managed with some difficulty to maintain.

Team: K. S. Allwright deputised for R. E. Partington and J. N. Honey for G. B. Morrison.

Saturday, 14th October v. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (1 try) 3 pts.—(2 penalty goals, 3 tries) 15 pts.

The run of play was dictated by the visitors—a strong, heavy and experienced side, who played robust and polished football throughout. The School try was grounded by R. E. Partington after a break through by B. J. Pinnell. In the second half the School played gamely but unavailingly.

Team: B. J. Pinnell for J. P. G. Haynes, R. E. Partington for K. S. Allwright and G. B. Morrison for J. N. Honey.

Saturday, 21st October v. St. Dunstan's College. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (2 tries) 6 pts.—(1 try, 1 goal) 8 pts.

The School XV were slow to settle down, and played lethargically in the first half, though gaining a three points lead. This was lost early in the second half when the visitors scored a goal. Stimulated into real activity the School secured a second unconverted try, but then allowed St. Dunstan's to score another try in the closing minutes and thus win the match.

Team: J. P. G. Haynes deputised for H. Norman.

Wednesday, 25th October v. Berkhamsted School. (Away).

Result: Won—School (2 goals, 4 tries) 22 pts.—(1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.

Playing with unaccustomed vigour the School established an early lead, though Berkhamsted replied pluckily with a goal. At first, in the second half, the School relapsed into lethargic play, but later rallied and scored a further two tries, one of which was very well converted by D. L. Howell. A convincing victory was gained, being due largely to the fine play of the pack.

Team: H. Norman for S. Freilich with P. S. Herd deputising for P. E. Dancer.

Saturday, 28th October v. Bancroft's School. (Away).

Result: Lost—School (1 try) 3 pts.—(5 goals, 1 penalty goal, 1 try) 31 pts.

The School started in fine style with a quick try by R. E. Partington. Thereafter, however, the vigorous and polished Bancroft's side scored repeatedly and won a most decisive victory. To the School's credit it fought back courageously making the game a thrilling and enjoyable spectacle to watch.

Team: P. E. Dancer for P. S. Herd, S. Freilich deputising for M. S. Lumsden.

Saturday, 11th November v. R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (nil)—R.A.F. Apprentices (2 tries) 6 pts.

The School played both skilfully and vigorously against heavier and more experienced opponents, and were unfortunate not to score. The visitors scored from a three-quarter movement in the first half and by a forward scramble in the second, but were frequently harassed by the School attack.

Team: Mr. Barling deputised for J. P. G. Haynes (ill), and P. S. Herd for G. B. Morrison.

Saturday, 18th November v. St. Alban's School. (Away).

Result: Lost—School (1 try) 3 pts.—(2 tries) 6 pts.

Play throughout the match was dishearteningly scrappy. The School established an early lead with a try through B. R. Miller. St. Alban's equalised by half-time. Injury to M. S. Lumsden necessitated a reshuffle in the second half and St. Alban's were allowed to score a second try which could easily have been prevented.

Team: J. P. G. Haynes and G. B. Morrison returned to the side, S. Freilich deputised for R. E. Partington.

Wednesday, 22nd November v. St. George's School, Harpenden. (Away).

Result: Won—School (4 tries) 12 points—nil.

Despite the heavy ground and skipping ball the School played constructive and thrustful football, and the match was exciting throughout. Tackling was sound, and menacing movements by the home side were all successfully repulsed.

Team: R. E. Partington deputised for B. R. Miller.

Saturday, 25th November v. Emanuel School. (Home).

Result: Lost—School (1 try) 3 pts.—(1 goal, 3 tries) 14 pts.

Emanuel School scored first and dominated most of the game. The School fought back well, but succeeded only once in penetrating a sound defence to score an unconverted try.

Team: M. O. Newton deputised for P. S. Herd.

Saturday, 2nd December v. Old Haberdashers' "A" (Elstree).

Result: Lost—School (nil)—(7 tries) 21 pts.

The match was played on the O.H. ground to avoid cancellation because of the condition of the waterlogged pitch at Chase Lodge. With mud, and a vastly heavier and more experienced side to contend against, the School saw little of the ball from the scrums, and was rarely able to initiate any passing movements or come near to scoring. Nevertheless the match had its frequent moments of excitement, and, though the defence did not use much intelligent anticipation or deploy to advantage, the standard of tackling by the School was gratifyingly high.

Team: D. L. Howell deputised for M. O. Newton.

Saturday, 9th December v. Eltham College. (Home).

Result: Won—School (1 goal, 2 tries) 11 pts.—(1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.

The School, particularly in the second half, found its best form, playing determined and skilful rugby against a hitherto unbeaten side. G. B. Morrison scored for the School with a long dribble to the corner. Eltham retaliated with a try and a goal. In the second half D. L. Howell converted a good try by R. E. Partington, finally in the closing minutes the School snatched a well-earned victory.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

1st XV	2nd XV
**Bovington, M. J.	†White, I. S. R.
††Freilich, S.	††Miller, B. R.
**Norman, H.	†Allwright, K. S. A.
†Haynes, J. P. G.	†Spatcher, D. N.
**Partington, R. E.	†Pollock, J. N.
*Lumsden, M. S.	†Thomas, M. G.
**Pinnell, B. J.	†Newton, A. M.
††Woolford, A. J.	†Freeman, M. M. R.
**Parker, G. D. N.	†Hutchinson, J. (Capt.)
††Warren, G. P.	†Shiells, P. C.
††Kimber, M. P.	†Newton, M. O.
††Howell, D. L.	†Gaze, M. J. F.
†Dancer, P. E.	†Herd, P. S.
**Gainsborough, D. F. (Capt.)	†Metcalf, G. N.
**Morrison, G. B.	†Matthews, V. C.
*Denotes 1st XV Colours	†Denotes 1st XXX Colours.

3rd XV	UNDER 15 XV
Bennet, J. H.	Pearson, P. E.
Duke, M.	‡Sarner, M.
Foot, P. J.	‡Avery, K. G.
Maconachie, D. J.	‡Oeters, W.
Pollard, D.	Neale, M. F.
Wild, N. E. (Capt.)	Brett, J.
Smailes, W. B.	‡Fulluck, D. J.
Stark, H.	‡Couch, H. E.
Beaman, M.	Neal, E. T.
Elliott, C. P.	Fuelling, A. F.
Farrand, J. T.	Bate, A. J.
Harris, D. J.	Brockbank, L. D.
Pangalos, A. J.	Kipps, R. K.
Newton, J. M.	‡Leverton, D. (Capt.)
Keen, M. J.	‡Harborow, K. E.

‡Denotes Junior Colours.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	13	4	9	0	80	136
2nd XV	11	5	6	0	113	77
3rd XV	10	3	7	0	90	120
COLTS XV	9	6	3	0	96	68



Back row: J. P. HAYNES, P. E. G. DANCER, A. J. WOOLFORD, G. P. WARREN, D. L. HOWELL, M. P. KIMBER, S. FREILICH.
Seated: M. J. BOVINGTON, G. D. N. PARKER, H. J. NORMAN, D. F. GAINSBOROUGH (Capt.), G. B. MORRISON, B. J. PINNELL,
 R. E. PARTINGTON. *Seated on floor:* M. S. LUMSDEN.

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BOXING COLOURS, 1951



Back row: J. J. HANSON, S. R. LIDYARD, M. BEAMAN, D. J. L. WARD, H. G. PURCHASE. *Third row:* P. D. DARKE, F. L. GARDNER, J. H. BENNET, P. J. RICKMAN, R. ROWLINSON, G. A. BUTLER. *Seated:* A. M. NEWTON, J. M. NEWTON, B. J. PINNELL, S. FREILICH, (Captain), D. CULLINGFORD, M. O. NEWTON, M. J. NASH. *Front row:* C. G. ALLEN, B. D. HORNE, M. S. WHITE, B. A. STARK,

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1st VIII, 1950-1



Bow: D. ANDERSON, J. HUTCHINSON, B. G. BROWN, J. RIDGE, P. F. SPENCER, I. M. GLOINSON, D. R. S. HARPER. *Stroke:* J. A. ROBINS. *Cox:* J. GIBSON.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

1950					Points		Result
		1st XV			For	Against	
Sept. 30	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	6	10	Lost
Oct. 7	v.	Whitgift Middle School	...	...	5	6	Lost
„ 11	v.	City of London	...	...	6	3	Won
„ 14	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	3	15	Lost
„ 21	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	6	8	Lost
„ 25	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	22	8	Won
„ 28	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	3	31	Lost
Nov. 11	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	...	0	6	Lost
„ 18	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	3	6	Lost
„ 22	v.	St. George's, Harpenden	...	...	12	0	Won
„ 25	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	3	14	Lost
Dec. 2	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	...	...	0	21	Lost
„ 6	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...		Cancelled	
„ 9	v.	Eltham College	...	...	11	8	Won
„ 16	v.	W. F. Barling's XV	...	...		Cancelled	
2nd XV							
Sept. 30	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	8	14	Lost
Oct. 7	v.	Whitgift Middle School	...	...	23	0	Won
„ 11	v.	City of London School	...	...	18	0	Won
„ 14	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	6	0	Won
„ 21	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	8	3	Won
„ 25	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	36	0	Won
„ 28	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	3	5	Lost
Nov. 11	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...	6	8	Lost
„ 18	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	5	8	Lost
„ 25	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	0	22	Lost
Dec. 2	v.	Old Haberdasher's "Ex A" XV	...	...		Cancelled	
„ 6	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...		Cancelled	
„ 9	v.	Eltham College	...	...	0	17	Lost
3rd XV							
Sept. 30	v.	Eltham College	...	...	3	6	Lost
Oct. 7	v.	Whitgift Middle School	...	...	28	3	Won
„ 14	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	3	23	Lost
„ 21	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	9	17	Lost
„ 25	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	34	0	Won
„ 28	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	0	20	Lost
Nov. 11	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...	10	8	Won
„ 18	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	3	23	Lost
„ 25	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	0	3	Lost
Dec. 6	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...		Cancelled	
„ 9	v.	King's College School	...	...	0	17	Lost
COLTS XV							
Oct. 7	v.	Whitgift Middle School	...	...	11	3	Won
„ 14	v.	City of London School	...	...	21	9	Won
„ 21	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	...	14	6	Won
„ 25	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	27	3	Won
„ 28	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	0	6	Lost
Nov. 11	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...	11	0	Won
„ 18	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	3	12	Lost
„ 25	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	3	24	Lost
Dec. 6	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...		Cancelled	
„ 9	v.	Harrow County School...	...	...	6	5	Won

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

The following boys represented the School at Richmond in the Public School Seven-a-side Competition on Wednesday, 4th April.

D. F. Gainsborough (Capt.), P. S. Herd, M. S. Lumsden, G. B. Morrison, H. Norman, R. E. Partington, B. J. Pinnell.

School 3 pts. v. K.C.S. Wimbledon 13 pts.

The School team started well and gained the lead through a try by G. B. Morrison. Our opponents, however, came back strongly and began to obtain most of the ball from the scrums and line-outs. The resulting movements were met with a plucky defence which, however, could not prevent K.C.S. Wimbledon from crossing our line three times.

1st XV FIXTURE LIST, 1951

Saturday	29th	September	...	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	<i>Home</i>
Saturday	6th	October	...	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	<i>Home</i>
Wednesday	10th	"	...	v.	City of London School	...	<i>Home</i>
Saturday	13th	"	...	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	...	<i>Away</i>
Saturday	20th	"	...	v.	St. Dunstan's College	...	<i>Away</i>
Saturday	27th	"	...	v.	Bancroft's School	...	<i>Home</i>
Wednesday	31st	"	...	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	<i>Away</i>
Saturday	10th	November	...	v.	Harrow County School	...	<i>Home</i>
Saturday	17th	"	...	v.	St. Alban's School	...	<i>Home</i>
Wednesday	21st	"	...	v.	St. George's School	...	<i>Home</i>
Saturday	24th	"	...	v.	Emanuel School	...	<i>Away</i>
Saturday	1st	December	...	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A"	...	<i>Home</i>
Saturday	8th	"	...	v.	Eltham College	...	<i>Away</i>
Saturday	15th	"	...	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	<i>Home</i>

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS

SENIOR

1st ROUND

Calverts	16 pts.	Meadows	8 pts.
Russells	20 pts.	Hendersons	0 pts.

2nd ROUND

Calverts	20 pts.	Joblings	0 pts.
Russells	20 pts.	Strouts	8 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Calverts	9 pts.	Russells	3 pts.
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There was quite a high standard of play despite the heavy pitch. There was little difference evident between the two sides before K. R. Chamberlain kicked an easy penalty goal for Calverts. This seemed to sway the balance of the game against Russells, who were forced to play on the defensive for the remainder of the first half. Calverts increased their lead when M. J. Keen scored from a movement on the blind-side.

Soon after the start of the second half persistent pressure resulted in a further Calverts try, this time by M. J. Bovington.

A little later, however, Russells forwards played as though inspired and gradually worked their way up to the touchline to score a well deserved try through D. J. Harris. From the kick off Russells returned to the attack but could not pierce the Calvert's defence, and the game ended in a well deserved victory for Calverts.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

1st ROUND

Calverts	6 pts.	Russells	0 pts.
Meadows	8 pts.	Strouts	0 pts.

2nd ROUND

Calverts	10 pts.	Hendersons	3 pts.
Joblings	3 pts.	Meadows	0 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Calverts	6 pts.	Joblings	5 pts.
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Conditions, though wet and muddy, did not prevent a thrilling game. From the kick-off Calverts pressed hard and fully deserved their half-time lead of six points resulting from a try by B. J. Pinnell and another scored after a very neat combined movement by Pinnell and M. J. Bovington.

After the change-over Joblings forwards, led by P. C. Shiells, played extremely well, and were fully rewarded when, after a good individual rush, Shiells touched down near the post leaving M. S. Lumsden to kick an easy goal. Joblings very nearly won the match when in the last few seconds a Calverts player only just beat Shiells to the touch-down after the latter had made another individual dash with the ball at his feet. This was a most thrilling end to a very enjoyable morning's play.

JUNIOR

1st ROUND

Calverts	14 pts.	Hendersons	11 pts.
Russell	61 pts.	Meadows	0 pts.

2nd ROUND

Calverts	30 pts.	Strouts	9 pts.
Russell	27 pts.	Joblings	9 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Calverts	53 pts.	Russells	0 pts.
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The ground and weather conditions were not conducive to a high standard of play and the match, as the result indicates, was practically an effortless victory for Calverts. In all departments they were the predominant side and tries were scored with monotonous regularity. Russells had not the skill, and soon not the morale either, to check the strong attacks of the Calverts players, chief among them I. S. R. White. There was too much individualistic play on the part of Calverts, and little effort at combined play also (though for the opposite reason) by Russells, who, in the first round, had similarly trounced their opponents.

BOXING

The Inter-House Boxing competition, held during the Christmas Term, gave the opportunity to nearly 200 boys to try their skill in the ring. School boxing colours and half-colours were barred from this competition, which nevertheless produced much good boxing.

UPPER SCHOOL		LOWER SCHOOL	
Calverts	37 points	Meadows	53 points
Russells	36 "	Calverts	44 "
Meadows	27 "	Russells	40 "
Hendersons	25 "	Joblings	33 "
Strouts	20 "	Strouts	31 "
Joblings	9 "	Hendersons	27 "

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Under 12 years		Under 14 years	
Under 5 st. 0 lbs.	J. C. Kelton	Under 5 st. 7 lbs.	A. E. Curtis
" 5 st. 3 lbs.	P. Stewart	" 6 st. 0 lbs.	A. B. White
" 5 st. 8 lbs.	J. Gleeson	" 6 st. 7 lbs.	B. D. Horne
" 6 st. 0 lbs.	M. R. Hunt	" 6 st. 12 lbs.	B. A. Stark
" 6 st. 10 lbs.	T. R. Goodman	" 7 st. 8 lbs.	M. S. White
" 7 st. 8 lbs.	R. F. Leverton	Over 7 st. 8 lbs.	D. Matear
Over 7 st. 8 lbs.	D. Goldman		

Under 16 years		Over 16 years	
Under 7 st. 0 lbs.	P. D. Darke	Under 9 st. 0 lbs.	B. F. Hunter
" 7 st. 4 lbs.	J. J. Hanson	" 10 st. 0 lbs.	J. W. Turner
" 8 st. 0 lbs.	J. M. Burgess	" 11 st. 0 lbs.	P. K. Newman
" 8 st. 7 lbs.	F. L. Gardner	Over 11 st. 0 lbs.	M. P. Kimber
" 9 st. 0 lbs.	A. J. Pangalos		
" 10 st. 0 lbs.	G. H. Silvey		
Over 10 st. 7 lbs.	H. E. Couch		

The Easter Term was devoted to School matches. Forty three boys took part in nine matches, of which five were won, three lost and one drawn. A high standard of boxing was maintained throughout, due to regular and enthusiastic training by all School boxers. A further pleasing feature has been the keenness displayed by newcomers to the Boxing Club in the Lower School.

Colours for the season have been awarded as shown below, the numbers in brackets indicating the number of School matches each boy has boxed in to date:

Junior Colours: C. G. Allen* (6), G. A. Butler* (7) (Captain of Lower School Boxing), B. D. Horne (7), H. G. Purchase (7), B. A. Stark* (9), M. S. White (4).

Ribbon Colours: M. Beaman (7), P. D. Darke (13), J. J. Hanson (14), S. R. Lidyard (8), R. Rowlinson, (11), D. J. Ward (12).

Half Colours: J. H. Bennet* (11), F. L. Gardner (12), P. J. Rickman (9).

Full Colours: D. Cullingford (13), S. Freilich* (16) (Captain of Boxing), M. J. Nash (5), A. M. Newton (12), J. M. Newton (12), M. O. Newton (13), B. J. Pinnell* (15).

* Re-awards.

We are most grateful to Mr. C. R. Thompson and to Mr. J. Ryan who very kindly refereed our home matches. Both are internationally famous in the amateur boxing world; and their friendly assistance has been deeply appreciated by all members of the Boxing Club. The thanks of the Club are also due to Mr. Cooper for his interest and help in Lower School Boxing, and to Mr. Dudderidge and Mr. Thomas for all their assistance.

MATCH REPORTS

Match v. City of London School Juniors, 30th January (home).

All members of the team boxed on sound lines against well trained opponents. Many were appearing in their first match contest and of these Selby and Curtis are to be specially complimented on their good boxing. Of the more experienced boxers, Boatman, M. S. White, and Allen boxed particularly well.

Result: School 11 wins

C.L.S. 5 wins.

Match v. City of London School Seniors, 31st January (Away).

This was a stern match throughout. Ward and Gardner offered stiff resistance to stronger opponents, losing by only a narrow margin of points, while Lidyard, Cullingford, M. O. Newton and Pinnell outboxed their opponents. Beaman boxed neatly with his left hand and was perhaps unlucky in not getting the decision, while A. M. Newton, well ahead on points, forgot his guard with disastrous results. Freilich is to be complimented on his excellent bout with the opposing captain, just losing a hard fought and exciting contest.

Result: School 5 wins

C.L.S. 7 wins.

Match v. Colet Court, 5th February (Home).

This match provided a succession of skilful and close contests. Selby, Stewart and Gaunt won their bouts in very good style: Horne lost the verdict in a close bout, while Horrocks's evasive tactics against a strong opponent nearly won him the contest. Stark, meeting an opponent of similar build, boxed extremely well to win, while Purchase and Butler completed the match with two further wins.

Result: School 8 wins

Colet Court 4 wins.

Match v. St. Paul's School, 7th February (Away).

Each bout in this match was keenly contested. Ward, a little more versatile than before, won well. Lidyard was unfortunate to run into a heavy punch early in his bout. Pettett moved quickly and had he maintained a sounder defence, might have won. Nash had a very hard and close bout, while J. M. Newton outpunched his opponent. A. M. Newton, boxing well and winning on points, had the misfortune to injure his arm and was forced to retire. Couch, whose boxing showed great improvement, ended the match with a very hard fought contest which he just lost.

Result: School 4 wins

St. Paul's 8 wins.

Match v. Wimbledon College Seniors, 21st February (Home).

It was unfortunate that sickness and injury reduced the number of contests to eight, for the match produced some excellent boxing. Rowlinson and Beaman showed improvement on their previous form, both punching with greater power. J. M. Newton and Nash proved too strong for their opponents while Pinnell boxed brilliantly to beat an older and heavier opponent.

Result: School 5 wins

Wimbledon 3 wins.

Match v. Wimbledon College Juniors, 22nd February (Away).

The outstanding feature of this match was the closeness of nearly all the contests. While many decisions went to our opponents, possibly because they showed a little more aggression, Gaunt, Start and Purchase could not have been more than a fraction behind. Hunt, in his first match contest, boxed strongly to win. M. S. White boxed extremely well against a skilful and experienced opponent and Butler, undaunted, punched his way to victory.

Result: School 4 wins

Wimbledon 10 wins.

Match v. Merchant Taylors' School, 3rd March (Away).

Generally speaking the standard of boxing and of fitness of the School team showed some improvement in this match. Darke, who boxed much more confidently, and Hanson who both outboxed and outpunched an older opponent, won the first two contests. Rowlinson boxed stylishly, but lacking confidence at first, just lost on points. Gardner won well. Pettett started badly but was much superior in the last round. Turner boxed better than in his previous match, but Nash showed signs of wild punching. M. O. Newton boxed well against a strong opponent and was unlucky not to get the decision.

Result: School 4 wins

Merchant Taylors' 4 wins.

Match v. Mill Hill School, 10th March (Home).

As the result of steady training, the whole team showed great fitness and boxed with confidence. Horne boxed well in his first appearance in a senior match and Darke and Hanson are to be complimented on their sound boxing. Gardner had to think hard in order to win while Bennet, Nash and M. O. Newton were too strong for their opponents.

Result: School 11 wins

Mill Hill 2 wins.

Match v. Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, 19th March (Home).

The physical fitness of all members of the team was reflected in their confident boxing. Darke, whose boxing has greatly improved during the season, had a close bout with a strong and experienced opponent. Hanson's determination, Rickman's quick punching and Gardner's cool boxing won us the next three bouts. Nash outpunched a taller opponent while J. M. Newton's aggression gave his adversary no chance to retaliate. Freilich, a little behind on the first two rounds, won the third round sufficiently well to gain the decision.

Result: School 6 wins

R.G.S. 1 win.

R.W.H.

THE BOAT CLUB

Captain: I. M. GLOINSON

Vice-Captain: HARPER

Secretary: BROWN

Junior Captain: ROUTLEY

This season has been remarkable, even on the river, for its wetness; and for a good deal of the training time the crews have been wet-bobs in more than name. Their ardour however has remained undamped, and while the constant flood level of the river has made training difficult, it has at least made the handling of boats much easier.

The first crew has set a very high standard of regularity and punctuality for its two weekly outings. If only the racing had been of an equally high standard this would be a remarkable season. Unfortunately this has not been the case. The usual changes and defections of the Christmas term delayed the final decision about

the composition of the crew: as finally chosen it is light and comparatively inexperienced. Gloinson and Harper, at 6 and 7 respectively, have worked hard and effectively. Robbins, at stroke, has also worked well, but has been unable to stir the crew into a true racing speed. Spencer, at 5, shows signs of becoming a competent oar, if he is prepared to take every stroke through the water fast. The bow four, suffering from inadequate tubbing, has been weak, inclined to race forward on the slides, missing the beginning and washing out at the finish.

Results of racing fixtures have been a little disappointing, though the time put up in the Head of the River Race suggests that the League races of next term may be more encouraging. There was, however, some good rowing in the House Fours, with a close and exciting final in which Russells beat Strouts.

The Juniors, rowing on Tuesdays, have developed well, though their activities have been very much limited because of their high numbers. The keenness of the more experienced among them augurs well for next season: it is encouraging to find them eager to have holiday practice.

During the Spring term we were able to acquire a second clinker boat, rather lighter and faster than our original one, which we still keep. While we are still looking forward to the day when we are able to have our own best boat, we are glad to have this improvement in our equipment. Our thanks are due to the Ibis Rowing Club, who are now storing one of our boats, and to the Quintin Boat Club, who are again allowing us to use their training tank.

J. M. McN.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

On Thursday, 22nd February, the Games Committee passed a recommendation that Rowing become a Major School Sport.

The new year has once again been the time for forming and training a new crew for the School's Head of the River Race. Since last season, we have lost several of the senior members of the club, and have had little experience on which to build a new 1st crew.

Early in the year, the School acquired another clinker-built eight, which, although not new, is reasonably fast and light, and requires considerable concentration to control.

Training has taken the form of two practices a week, more being impossible owing to lack of time. The first fixture of the year was a friendly race against City of London 2nd VIII, held on the morning of the 24th February, over a 2 mile course from Harrod's Wharf to Putney Bridge. City of London won by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 6 mins. 37 secs. after a close race.

This race was especially interesting as it was by way of a rehearsal for the Schools' Head of the River Race, which was to be held the following week-end, the 3rd March, over the same water.

Although beaten, the School crew showed a certain amount of promise for future events.

The Schools' Head of the River race was rowed on 3rd March. The School dropped three places in the clinker division, from 4th to 7th, our time for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from St. Paul's Boathouse, Hammer-smith to Westminster Boathouse, Putney was 8 mins. 30 secs.

Throughout the race there was always sufficient pressure from the following crews to ensure a hard race. At Fulham, the 1st VIII passed the crew that had started immediately ahead of us, and finished the course level with the St. Paul's D. crew, the winners of the clinker division, who had started after the School VIII. The result was disappointing, and showed us that the crew was not yet fast enough to be really successful.

It would be foolish to attempt to predict the result of the coming season's fixtures, but until our relatively light crew has learnt to apply every ounce of their weight in the most effective way, no real improvement is possible, and only mileage will teach the crew this very essential lesson.

Finally, on behalf of the Boat Club, I should like to give Mr. McNair a belated welcome back to his task of converting us into 'wet-bobs,' and our thanks to himself, Mr. Keevil and Mr. Sanderson for their work for the Boat Club during the year.

I. M. G.

The following have represented the School this year: D. Anderson, J. Hutchinson†, B. G. Brown, N. Ridge, P. E. Spencer, T. M. Gloinson*, D. R. S. Harper*, J. A. Robbins†, J. M. Gibson.* (Cox).

*Denotes Full Colours

†Denotes Half Colours

ATHLETICS

The unusually wet weather during the Spring Term seriously hampered the training of the Athletics Team, and we were unable to get on to the track at Chase Lodge until the last week. It was not surprising, therefore, that we took third place in the triangular fixture with Eltham College and Emanuel School.

As last year, the annual match with the O.H. Athletic Club resulted in a narrow victory for the Old Boys. The School, who were losing 35—18 at one time pulled up to a final score of 47—40. This was partly due to a fine performance of the Sprint Relay team of Brockbank, Matthews, Pinnell and Benghiat, in beating the O.H. team which had previously gained first places in the 100 yds and 220 yds events. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Old boys on behalf of the School team, for providing us with a fine afternoon's sport, and the welcome refreshments afterwards.

Sports Day was held on Saturday 5th May, and the comparatively few spectators saw some quite good performances in spite of the frequent showers of heavy rain. Calverts were easy winners with Strouts runners-up.

In conclusion I should like to thank all the masters who have assisted with Athletics this year, especially Mr. Thomas and Mr. Dudderidge, who have devoted much time to helping with training.

A. J. WOOLFORD, *Capt. of Athletics.*

We were fortunate in being able to hold the House Trials at the end of the Spring Term, and this made possible the selection of House Teams for holiday training at Chase Lodge and elsewhere.

The Upper School Sports demonstrated that we have in the School considerable Athletic ability. The performance of V. C. Matthews in the Senior Hurdles was noteworthy both on account of the fine style shown, evidence of careful practice over a considerable period, and the recorded time of 16 seconds. I am glad to see that we have boys interested enough in Athletics to take it up as their main sport. The success which will follow from this serious attention to training, will help to raise the status of Athletics in the School and encourage others to give more time and effort to practice. I wish to thank Woolford for his good work as Captain.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Event	Time or Distance	Year	Holder	House
220 yds.	24 secs.	1931		
440 yds.	54.8 secs.	1924	G. C. Melliush	
880 yds.	2 mins. 9 secs.	1944	J. B. Wells	Russells
1 mile	4 mins. 53 secs.	1950	A. J. Woolford	Russells
Long Jump	21 ft. 1 ins.	1911	A. W. Haskins	Calverts
High Jump	5 ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	1930	D. H. Gooch	Strouts
Javelin	141 ft.	1946	J. S. Barnes	Joblings
Shot	35 ft. 7 ins.	1947	P. Freilich	Hendersons
Discus	100 ft. 1 ins.	1949	R. Matthew	Russells

Silvey's time for the mile this year (5 min. 3 secs.) was a record for the Chase Lodge grass track.

Athletics Proficiency Badges have been awarded to V. C. Matthews (Senior 1st Class) and I. S. R. White (Intermediate 1st Class).

J. W. D.

UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Saturday, 5th May, 1951

1. One Mile, Jun. 1st—White (C) 2nd—Coe (M) 3rd Brown, D. (R)
4th—Milligan (J) 5th—Goad (H). *Time: 5 mins. 47 secs.*
2. One Mile, Sen. 1st—Silvey (M) 2nd Woolford (R) 3rd—Jones, D. (C)
4th—Darke, B. (S) 5th Maddison (H) 6th—Newton, J. (J). *Time: 5 min. 3secs. (A new record for Chase Lodge).*
3. High Jump, Sen. 1st—Oeters (J) 2nd—Benghiat (C) 3rd Freeman (R)
4th—Gaze (M) 5th—Beaman (H) 6th—Supran (S). *Height: 4ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*
4. Long Jump, Jun. 1.—Oeters (J) 2nd—Pettet (S) 3rd—Brockbank (H)
4th—Rickman (R) 5th—White (C) Downing (M). *Distance: 16ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.*

5. Discus, Sen. 1st—Dancer (R) 2nd—Gaze (M) 3rd—Parker, G. (S) 4th—Matthews (C) 5th—Shiells (J) 6th—Freilich (H). *Distance: 94 ft. 6 ins.*
6. Discus, Jun. 1st—Oeters (J) 2nd—White (C) 3rd—Spencer (M) 4th—Farrand (H) 5th—Walker (S) 6th—Martin (R). *Distance: 97 ft. 5 ins.*
7. 100 yards, Jun. 1st—Bailey (M) 2nd—Duke (J) 3rd—Biddle (C) 4th—Nash (S) 5th—Ridge (R) 6th—Clark (H). *Time: 11 secs.*
8. 100 yards, Sen. 1st—Partington (S) 2nd—Benghiat (C) 3rd—Lumsden (J) 4th—Allwright (R) 5th—Turner (H) 6th—Taylor, B. (M). *Time: 11 secs.*
9. 880 yards, Jun. 1st—Jones, M. (S) 2nd—Brown, D. (R) 3rd—Reader (C) 4th—Kent (M). *Time: 2 mins. 30.8 sec.*
10. 880 yards, Sen. 1st—Darke, B. (S) 2nd—Jarrett (M) 3rd—Jones, D. (C) 4th—Woolford (R) 5th—Newton, J. (J) 6th—Maddison (H). *Time: 2 mins. 15.8 secs.*
11. Long Jump, Sen. 1st—Silvey (M) 2nd—Matthews (C) 3rd—Norman (R) 4th—Partington (S) 5th—Shiells (J) 6th—Pollock (H). *Distance: 18 ft. 10½ ins.*
12. High Jump, Jun. 1st—Phillips (C) 2nd—Cleveland (J) 3rd—Martin (R) 4th—Pettet (S) 5th—Brockbank (H) 6th—Handscombe (M). *Height: 4 ft. 7½ ins.*
13. 440 yards, Jun. 1st—Avery (S) 2nd—Brockbank (H) 3rd—Phillips (C) 4th—Irwin (J) 5th—Coe (M) 6th—Mansbridge (R). *Time: 61 secs.*
14. 440 yards, Sen. 1st—Silvey (M) 2nd—Freilich (H) 3rd—Morrison (C) 4th—Gibson (S) 5th—Dancer (R). *Time: 57.2 secs.*
15. Javelin, Sen. 1st—Norman (R) 2nd—Parker, G. (S) 3rd—Pinnell (C) 4th—Wild (H) 5th—Gaze (M) 6th—Shiells (J). *Distance: 129 ft.*
16. Shot, Jun. 1st—Coe (M) 2nd—White (C) 3rd—Couch (J) 4th—Avery (S) 5th—Clark (H) 6th—Martin (R). *Distance: 34 ft. 2 ins.*
17. 220 yards, Jun. 1st—White (C) 2nd—Irwin (J) 3rd—Brockbank (H) 4th—Ridge (R). *Time: 27.4 secs.*
18. 220 yards, Sen. 1st—Partington (S) 2nd—Lumsden (J) 3rd—Matthews (C) 4th—Freeman (R) 5th—Freilich (H) 6th—Williams, J. (M). *Time: 26.4 secs.*
19. Javelin, Jun. 1st—Avery (S) 2nd—Robbins (R) 3rd—Bastin (M) 4th—Cleveland (J) 5th—Farrand (H) 6th—Reader (C). *Distance: 115 ft. 2 ins.*
20. Shot, Sen. 1st—Freilich (H) 2nd—Norman (R) 3rd—Miller (M) 4th—Parker (S) 5th—Lumsden (J) 6th—Honey (C). *Distance: 31 ft. 7½ ins. ...*
21. Hurdles, Jun. 1st—Brockbank (H), Oeters (J), Pettet (S) placed equal, there being no final heat. 4th—Carter (C) 5th—Bastin (M).
22. Hurdles, Sen. 1st—Matthews (C) 2nd—Woolford (R). *Time: 16 secs.*
23. Relay 4 x 110 yds. Jun. 1st—Calverts 2nd—Joblings 3rd—Meadows 4th—Strouts 5th—Hendersons. *Time: 55 secs.*

24. Relay 4 x 110 yds. 1st—Calverts 2nd—Joblings 3rd—Strouts 4th—
Sen. Russells 5th—Hendersons 6th—Meadows. *Time:*
52.6 *secs.*
25. Medley Relay, Sen. 1st—Calverts 2nd—Meadows 3rd—Russells 4th—
Strouts 5th—Hendersons 6th—Joblings. *Time:*
4 *mins.* 13.6 *secs.*
26. Medley Relay, Jun. 1st—Calverts 2nd—Meadows 3rd—Russells 4th—
Joblings 5th—Hendersons. *Time:* 4 *mins.* 36.4 *secs.*
27. Tug-of-War Strouts beat Joblings.
- Points for "Standard Calverts, 53. Hendersons, 25. Joblings, 39. Meadows,
times." 40. Russells, 41. Strouts, 52.
- House Competition 1st—Calverts, 193. 2nd—Strouts, 161½. 3rd—
Meadows, 144½. 4th—Joblings, 142. 5th—Russells,
139½. 6th—Hendersons, 97½.

BASKET BALL

RESULTS OF THE INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SENIOR (LEAGUE)

House	Matches		Points		Final Position
	Won	Lost	For	Against	
Strouts	5	0	124	86	1
Meadows	4	1	133	106	2
Joblings	2	3	133	128	3
Calverts	2	3	122	136	4
Hendersons	2	3	123	148	5
Russells	0	5	103	134	6

JUNIOR (KNOCK-OUT)

1st ROUND

Hendersons	bye	Meadows	}	Hendersons	}	} Strouts 35—32
Joblings	}	32—18		38—16		
Meadows						
Russells	}	Calverts	}	Strouts	}	
Calverts		38—9		38—23		
Strouts	bye					

As can be seen from the results above, Strouts won the Senior and, for the second year in succession, the Junior competitions.

The general standard of play was undoubtedly higher than it has been in the past, mainly due to the enthusiasm with which the game is played throughout the school. However, until more boys are able to execute the "lay-in" shot—a movement which requires considerable muscular co-ordination—the standard of shooting will remain below average.

It is hoped to arrange a match against the Old Haberdashers in the near future before we embark on a more ambitious programme against other schools.

D. F. C. T.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

This past season of cross-country running has again been a reasonably good one for the School teams, and during it we entered teams for several of the inter-schools races which are arranged by the Harrier clubs, as well as running individual matches against an Emanuel School team and a Shaftesbury Harriers Junior "B" team.

In the inter-schools events we were placed fourth in the race organized by the Southgate Harriers, Woolford, coming in 17th out of a field of 108 runners, but in many of the others we were running against very strong opposition indeed, and were nowhere else placed as high.

However, these inter-school races were all enjoyable and provided experience of running over unknown country. Often, as at the Epping Forest course of the Orion Harriers, where the ground was waterlogged and the mud inches deep all the way round the course, the conditions were very different from those existing on our own course at Chase Lodge.

In our other matches we were beaten by a strong Emanuel School team by 10 points, and we beat the Shaftesbury Harriers Junior "B" team by 17 points.

The future prospects of the School Cross-Country team are reasonably good, for several of this year's team are staying on at School, and there is considerable talent available, capable of development provided that cross-country running and training are taken seriously.

I add to this account my appreciation of the many tedious journeys and dull periods of waiting which Mr. Hickman has undergone on our account in his capacity as recorder, and in addition thank D. A. Jones for his services as Hon. Secretary.

The team make-up is as follows:—Jarrett (Capt.), B. M. Darke, P. S. Herd, D. A. Jones, A. J. Woolford, Brockbank, M. E. G. Jones, M. J. Keen, J. M. Newton, Maddison, Silvey.

Colours were re-awarded to D. A. Jones and A. J. Woolford and new awards made to B. M. Darke and P. Herd.

The following also ran for the School team, Beckley, J. A. Grabow, Milligan, Skrimshire. A.J.W.

FIVES

This season has seen the revival of School Fives. The fact that no matches were won is by no means discouraging, in view of the comparative inexperience of the School IV.

For the first time since the courts were rebuilt we have had something resembling a full fixture list. At the beginning of the year we decided to play four matches, two of which would be against schools of similar experience to our own; unfortunately, one of the latter had to be cancelled.

The following players represented the school:—

1st Pair	2nd Pair
Goldberg	Tunkel (Capt.)
Gainsborough	Wild, N. E. M.

with Risby, Miller, Goldstein and Ovis as reserves.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

				For	Against
Jan.	31st	v. St. Dunstan's College (Away)	Lost	27	180
March	3rd	v. Alleyn's School (Home)	Lost	48	180
March	28th	v. University College School (Away)	Lost	70	180

To draw any moral from the School's lack of success in this its first season for a number of years, would be somewhat presumptuous. But certain obvious shortcomings are detectable even at this early stage, which are likely to become inveterate if allowed to continue.

In the first place, the Fives Club, which should, with certain exceptions, supply the School with its representatives, is not receiving potential School players. While many of its younger members are both keen and promising, the real talent in the School is filtered away by the prior claim of Rugby Football. This priority we respect; unfortunately it means that the natural players who cannot play regularly must practise hard in lunch hours or after school in order to make the grade. Of this year's 1st IV, three members are faced with this difficulty. If School Fives is to return to its pre-war standard, greater interest must be shown by boys in general.

Secondly, it must be stated here and now that Fives is not to be considered as a less strenuous and therefore preferable alternative to Rugby. The Fives Courts are not havens for the indolent. Once this is realised, new members will be wholeheartedly welcomed.

In order to stimulate interest, knockout competitions were held in the Fives Club last term, and Martin and Jefford are to be congratulated on winning their respective sections.

The annual House Competition met with many difficulties this year, notably the clash of the "fortnight-per-round" system with other competitions, such as Basketball. It stands unfinished at the moment, therefore, but it is hoped that it will be completed by half-term.

In closing I should like to thank Mr. Dudderidge for his help and encouragement, both in administration of the Fives Club, and in obtaining fixtures for the team; also Mr. Griffiths for attending the Alleyn's match.

I hope that this season has seen the end of Fives as the School's Cinderella-sport and the beginning of the return to former prowess and achievement: the talent is not lacking.

V. TUNKEL, *Captain of Fives.*

TENNIS CLUB

In spite of inclement weather conditions School Tennis has flourished throughout the winter months; at every available moment the Courts have been in use for coaching and practice. Mr. Howard Byrne, the professional coach of the Heathfield Club, whose services were so valuable to us last year, has not only continued to be available on Wednesday afternoons but has also visited the School every Tuesday and Thursday lunch hour to give coaching to some thirty enthusiastic beginners from both the Upper and Lower Schools down to the Second Forms. As a result there are now many promising young players on whom future School teams can be built. Inter-House tournaments have also in consequence been started on a much wider basis and a new record entry of over 60 players has been received for the Senior Doubles, with large entries in addition for Senior Singles, Junior Doubles and Junior Singles. It is hoped that this year there will be no difficulty in completing these tournaments, especially now that the two new hard courts at Chase Lodge are available.

The School VI has a very full fixture list for the summer season, including the usual Public School contests for the Glanvill and Youll Cups and a new fixture against the Brondesbury Lawn Tennis Club. Another new feature will be a Second VI match against Westminster School Second VI. S. Freilich is Captain of Tennis, and he will have the help of a selection of talent from several promising newcomers in Goldberg, B. W. R. Bennett, Reiss, White and others.

Given luck with the weather and continued enthusiasm for the game the School Tennis Club should enjoy a very progressive and successful season.

G. S. C.

FIXTURE LIST, 1951

Wednesday	9th	May...	...	...	v.	Brighton College	...	...	Home
Tuesday	15th	"	...	...	v.	Westminster School	...	...	Away
Wednesday	16th	"	...	...	v.	City of London School	...	...	Home
Wednesday	23rd	"	...	...	v.	St. Paul's School	...	...	Away
Thursday	24th	"	...	...	v.	O.H. Club	...	...	Home
Tuesday	29th	"	...	...	v.	Heathfield L.T.C.	...	...	Away
Wednesday	30th	"	...	...	v.	Highgate School	...	...	Away
Saturday	2nd	June...	...	...	v.	Glanvill Cup 1st Round	...	...	Away
					v.	St. Paul's School, City of London School and U.C.S.			
Wednesday	13th	"	...	...	v.	Highgate School	...	...	Home
Wednesday	20th	"	...	...	v.	Royal Masonic School	...	...	Away
Saturday	23rd	"	...	...	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	Home
Friday	29th	"	...	...	v.	Brondesbury L.T.C.	...	...	Away
Tuesday	3rd	July ...	...	2nd VI	v.	Westminster School 2nd VI	...	...	Away
Wednesday	4th	"	...	...		Visit to Wimbledon.			
Wednesday	11th	"	...	...	v.	Emanuel School	...	...	Home
Saturday	14th	"	...	...	v.	O.H. Club	...	...	Home
Tuesday	24th	"	...	...	v.	Heathfield L.T.C.	...	...	Home
Tuesday	31st	"	...	...		Public Schools Wimbledon week begins.			

I WANTED TO BE ATHLETIC

Athletic ability plays a large part in our School's life. Young Robinson, commencing his career in 1b, is immediately judged by his knowledge of, and his skill at, games. Should he be a keen cricketer—and, more particularly, should he own the only available bat—he will be elected Form Captain on the spot. And it is just the same from the lowly First Form to the lordly Sixth; all members of the School are placed in one of three athletic categories.

The first, and happiest group, is made up of those who thrive on sport and excel at it. P.T., or Swimming in season, is the only worthwhile period of the week, and games afternoon gives these blessed spirits exactly what they most desire; the admiration of the unhappy remainder who stand enviously in the background, trying unsuccessfully to avoid a master's contemptuous gaze.

By contrast, the second group consists of those who have no athletic ability whatsoever, and have no desire to have any. All forms of exercise are nothing more or less than torture. These swots droop and sag, shivering in the winter and indifferent in the summer, longing for the opportunity to slip away and learn some Latin verbs. Such creatures usually finish their School careers with State Scholarships, or places at obscure Welsh Universities.

The small residue is formed from the most frustrated and unfortunate people in existence. I write with much feeling, for I have been a member of this third group for many long years. These wretches possess the keenness of group (1) allied with the complete incapability of group (2), and disappointment and rejection are their inevitable lot. For instance, all my own early efforts did nothing but provide considerable amusement for those who happened to be watching. Nevertheless, I continued to retain great admiration for those who led the School on to the playing-field, and so—I practised, and continued to practise. I applied for House nets where I tried, frantically, to catch my House Captain's eye. I neglected my School work: if such mighty men as prefects could rise so high on athletic ability, why couldn't I? If those who represented the School habitually did no prep., then surely a similar technique should do as much for me? If House Ties and brawn invariably went together, then neglect of my brain *must* gain for me the coveted neckwear.

But I was wrong.

And so, you see me today—at the top of the school, but an insignificant figure. My one source of comfort is that the captain of Ludo occasionally asks me to lend him 5/-, and that the captain of Shove-ha'penny very infrequently requests that I do his English prep. And who am I to deny these great ones anything they ask?

ANON.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

BASIC SECTION

Although this year's intake of 90 recruits was the largest since the War, the standard of efficiency and smartness set by last year's Basic Section has been well maintained. Every cadet who joined the Section at the beginning of this year has now passed Part I of the examination for Certificate "A," a very satisfactory state of affairs, which is a credit to the Army Section N.C.Os., upon whom most of the training devolved. The high standard of turnout and drill, specially commented on by the President of the Certificate "A" examining board, augurs well for the future of the C.C.F.

A challenge cup to be competed for annually, is to be awarded to the best recruit of the year. Points towards this will be allotted for marks gained in the Certificate "A" examinations, for scores in the musketry classification test and for turnout to be judged at a parade in the summer term.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The Section's first Proficiency Examination was held in November when 11 cadets passed Part I of the test. Advanced training for Part II, the Petty Officer's Examination, was successfully undergone by L/S G. A. Ward who thus became the first cadet from the School R.N. Section to qualify.

Field days were held in November, when the Section spent a night on board H.M.S. Duke of York and the following day at sea in a frigate; and in March, when the Section visited the Isle of Wight in torpedo-boats.

Nine cadets spent a week of the Easter holidays on H.M.S. Sheffield. The remainder of the Section will undergo their annual training during the summer holidays.

Increase in Strength: B. Anderson, M. A. Bennett, G. M. Kloss, A. J. Pangalos, P. A. Skinner, B. G. Tiller, C. W. Turner, I. S. White.

Decrease in Strength: L/S Cloote, L/S Howell, A/B Blatch, A/B Harris, A/B Stephens.

Promotions: To Acting Petty Officer I. M. Gloinson. To Leading Seaman H. P. Stark, M. B. Kimber, G. A. Ward, N. E. Wild.

Passed Proficiency Test, Part II: L/S G. A. Ward.

Passed Proficiency Test, Part I: L/S Howell, L/S Kimber, I/S Stark, I/S Wild, A/B's Ellson, Gibson, Herzog, Matthews, Newton, Palmer, Ward, Way.

Attended Courses: Gunnery Course at Whale Island: L/S Kimber, A/B Gibson, O/S White.

Visual Signals Course at Petersfield: L/S Stark, O/S Marino.

ARMY SECTION

Two revivals have taken place since January. The Corps Band, which became defunct during the War, has been resuscitated and had its first outing on Field Day; and the Signals Platoon, which has been moribund for some years, has been reformed. We wish both a very flourishing future. We are extremely grateful to the Artists' Rifles for their generous loan of drums and bugles to

enable the Band to make a start, and to the 56th (Armd) Div Signals for all the help given in training our signallers.

Training for Part II of the Certificate "A" examination, although hindered by adverse weather, brought good results, due largely to the hard work put in by Staff Sgt. Woolford and the Armourer N.C.Os. Since September 50 cadets have passed the examination; and every cadet in the Army Section is now in possession of Certificate "A".

Field Days were held on Wimbledon Common during the Christmas Term and at Radlett during the Easter Term: and although the weather in both cases was far from ideal, much useful field training was carried out.

Promotions: To C.S.M.: D. F. Gainsborough. To Staff Sgt: A. J. Woolford. To Sgt: M. J. Bovington, J. Hutchinson, C. Jarrett, R. E. Partington. To L/Sgt: M. S. Lumsden, H. Norman. To Cpl: B. W. Bennett, D. Cullingford, S. Freilich, D. R. Harper, P. S. Herd, D. J. Maconochie, B. R. Miller, G. B. Morrison, B. J. Pinnell. To L/Cpl: K. S. Allwright, M. Goldberg, J. P. Haynes, J. N. Honey, B. F. Hunter, A. C. Michael, P. K. Newman, F. H. Read, B. N. Sandifer, P. C. Shiells, G. H. Silvey.

Courses: *Drill Course at Chelsea Barracks during the Christmas holidays:* Staff Sgt. Woolford, Cpl. Pinnell, L/Cpl. Read, Cadets Abrahams, Honey, and Tymms. *Armourer's Course at 10 Command Workshops during the Easter Holidays:* L/Cpl. Read, Cadets Abrahams, Barrow, Tymms.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

A further very satisfactory influx of recruits to this section, coupled with a smaller number of leavers than usual, brought our strength again up to about forty at the commencement of the Autumn term. The programme has consisted of normal training, and in the November Proficiency Examination all thirteen candidates were successful. We once again have received the assistance of F/Sgt. Parker of No. 65 Group at regular intervals during the term, and are pleased to find that in the latest reorganisation he is continuing to visit us. The November Field Day took place at Hendon, where there was some flying in Ansons and visits to the flight planning, safety equipment and radar sections.

Bad weather seriously interfered with outside activities on practically every Friday of the Spring term. The new C.C.F. training syllabus with its reintroduction of a number of practical tests now forms the basis of our work, and it is hoped to enter a substantial number of cadets for the proficiency examination in July. At half-term a party of the senior cadets visited Northolt to practise .303 firing on the open range at the airport, and it is anticipated that further visits of this nature will be arranged here or elsewhere during the summer. The Field Day at Kenley on March 16th was disappointing from the point of view of the weather, which deteriorated rapidly soon after we arrived, and permitted only about ten minutes' flying. The remainder of the programme consisted of visits to the range and the link trainer. On February 1st No. 65

(London) Group ceased to be, and in common with other units in this area we became part of No. 61 (Eastern) Group of Home Command.

For the first time in the history of the unit it proved possible to organise a party to attend the Easter Camp, and a contingent of nineteen cadets spent eight very enjoyable days at R.A.F. Chivener, near Barnstaple. The bad weather pursued us here, but half-way through the camp improved conditions permitted two long cross-country navigation exercises in the familiar Ansons, which took us as far as Minehead, Torquay and Plymouth, and also the interesting whole day ground exercise between Bideford and Westward Ho! There were, in addition, excellent programmes of instructional lectures, and a visit to Ilfracombe baths for dinghy drill, and at the end of the week's training it was generally agreed that the long trip to the West Country had been amply justified.

Decrease in Strength: Cpl. G. A. T. Wise, (5/5/50); Cds. N. Z. Harris, J. G. Kilroy, J. C. Taylor, G. A. Wilson, (31/7/50); Cdt. A. G. Glass, (31/12/50); Sgt. D. L. Pollard, Cdt. R. C. Barker, (6/1/51); Cds. L. S. Fine, A. Hall, (31/1/51).

Promotions: Cpl. G. N. Metcalfe to be Sergeant (22/9/50); Sgt. Metcalfe to be Flight Sergeant, Cpls. D. L. Pollard, J. U. M. Smith, to be Sergeants, Cds. D. Beck, J. A. Beckley, M. S. Cook, R. H. Martin, to be Corporals (30/10/50); Cpl. Beckley to be Sergeant (19/1/51); Cdt. V. A. Barker to be Corporal (5/4/51).

Proficiency Certificate: Cds. J. M. Bancroft, R. C. Barker, V. A. Barker, C. J. Baty, J. A. Davidson, A. G. Glass, M. J. Keen, J. A. Mathews, J. M. Newton (*with credit*), A. F. E. Sims (*with credit*), D. N. Spatcher, L. D. Supran, G. P. Warren (20/11/50).

SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT

The S.S.U. has continued with its varied programme of activities, and where a particular branch of training has been tested by examination, we have done excellently, a tribute both to the skill of the teacher and the diligence of the taught.

During the Autumn Term the First Aid class under Mr. Campbell completed the course and examination for the elementary and advanced certificates of the British Red Cross, with 100% success. All members are to be congratulated, and many thanks are due to Mrs. Stefanos of the British Red Cross for her most interesting course of lectures.

Many members of the same class, together with several volunteers, went through a course in Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention during the Spring Term. The lectures were given by Officers of the West Hampstead Fire Station, by arrangement with the Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade, and an interesting visit was paid to the West Hampstead Unit to see a demonstration of oxygen-breathing apparatus and fire drill with scaling ladders. In the examination set and marked by the Fire Brigade, all members passed, and it is hoped that the course will now become, like the First Aid, a regular feature of S.S.U. training. During the Summer Term the members of the course will attend at the London Fire

Brigade H.Q. to see one of their large-scale demonstrations, and a select group may qualify for the much coveted British Red Cross Instructor's Badge.

The work of the gardening group throughout the Autumn and Winter has been hampered by bad weather, which has made the clay soil difficult to work. A quantity of useful vegetables were harvested from the previous year's work under Mr. Barling, and plans have been carried out for a number of food crops this summer. We have also been experimenting with the raising of flowers from seed, and hope to stock at least part of the School gardens with our own plants.

The Boatbuilding section has almost completed an "Eskimo" kayak and this will be used on the swimming bath for instructional purposes.

The Campcraft group has spent some time in the technique of lightweight camping and the summer months will provide opportunities for practical work, with training in canoe handling.

Under Mr. Thomas, two groups have taken part in recreative gymnastics. The emphasis being laid on training leaders for classes and the life saving class has started a course which will culminate in the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society at the end of term.

A small group of "handymen" has been shown by Mr. Griffiths how to tackle the various repair jobs requiring attention in any establishment, and Weiss, Bowsher and Townsend have done valuable service in charge of the School Press, producing programmes for various functions.

The following were successful in the Fire Course Examination: Borin, Burgess, Baxter, Davis, Englender, Fabian, Farrand, L.S. Fine, Green, Hall, Jefford, Ovis, Rutter, Ruben, Risby, Rose, Tunkel.

Increase in Strength: J. A. Grabow, P. W. Harris, S.S. Sebba, G. Kloss,

K. R. Chamberlain, Liss, P. W. Ellson, J. C. Hall.

Promotion: R. A. Green, to Group 1 Section Leader.

J. W. D.

THE SCHOOL PRESS

During the last year the Printing Department has been completely re-organised. There has been a gradual change over in the type faces in use, and our Caslon Old Style, showing signs of heavy wear and tear, has been supplanted by Eric Gill's Perpetua and Sans Serif types, which have brought a new note into the School Printing. The most recent productions on the School Press have been the menu cards for the Old Haberdashers' Annual Dinner and the programmes for "The Rivals" and "Iolanthe."

Much of the work done recently has been possible only because of the decision to set up a Printing Department inside the S.S.U. and we are grateful to Mr. Dudderidge for the valuable time he has made available to us in this way. Our thanks are due also to Mr. Keevil and to Mr. Hickman for their considerable help and advice.

J.S.W.

MAGUA

Once in ages long forgotten,
Lived a tribe of Blackfoot Indians
Ruled by one who killed and tortured.
Magua was the name they gave him,
Magua as the warriors called him,
Magua, chief of all the Blackfeet.

Also lived there in that village
One as brave as he was fearless,
One as fierce as Hiawatha,
One who hated mighty Magua,
And Ogana the squaws named him.

Then as upward grew Ogana
So his strength and skill were sharpened.
He could lift two deer across him
'Ere his mighty back was bended.

He could shoot ten arrows upward,
Shoot them up so strong and skilful,
That the tenth had left the bow-string
'Ere the first the ground was piercing.

Then one day, so strong and fearless,
Went he into Magua's wigwam,
There rebuked he that great leader,
Telling of his wars with whitemen,
Telling of his pointless murders.
Then arose the hated Magua;
Fire was spitting from his eyeballs
And his chest he beat like war-drums,
Like the sounding rawhide tom-tom,
And his tongue it spoke out thunder.
Reaching for his bow and quiver
Magua sent an arrow speeding
For to kill the young Ogana,
Jasper headed, feather flighted.
But the dart it missed Ogana,
Missed him by a mere few inches.
With a cry of disappointment
Magua took his great war hatchet,
Took his tomahawk of silver,
Brought it down to strike Ogana.
But the clash of steel which followed

Ripped the teepee into pieces.
First the tomahawk of Magua,
Then the axe of young Ogana,
Rose and fell with lightning quickness.
Such was this dread battle fought till,
Red the earth with blood and clothing,
Black the sky with clouds of dust grains.
But the two soon broke away and
When, at last, the dust subsided,
Magua with a lance and shield stood
Waiting for the young Ogana,
Slowly coming forward with his
Hunting-knife of many colours,
And his tomahawk a-gleaming,
Slowly coming nearer, nearer.
"Thrust" the lance of Magua acted;
"Clunk," so did Ogana's sheath-knife.
Cut in twain the lance was useless
And aside great Magua threw it,
Drawing once again his war-axe,
Only to receive a death-wound
From the hatchet of Ogana.
Thus it was the youth had struck him
While he drew his only weapon,
That Ogana cut his head through,
Clave his skull into two pieces.
Slowly, sank the beaten Magua,
Beaten, vanquished, killed for ever.
And he lay there nothing moving,
Lifeless lay the great Pearlfeather,
Magua, chief of all the Blackfeet.

In the ground they buried Magua,
Underneath the cactus bushes,
As a warning, as an emblem
Of his murders and his hatred.

Now the new chief is Ogana,
Proud and dignified he stands there,
Panting still from that great conflict,
But victorious and happy
Never again to be famished.
So the tribe it reaps and prospers
In the rule of this kind leader.

M. G. LINGGOOD, 2a.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

THE BIOLOGY SOCIETY

The Autumn Term's Programme commenced with the Annual General Meeting at which the Chairman and Section Leaders for the year 1950-51 were selected. The nature of the Sections was partially changed and three Sections were run. These were the General Biology, Museum and Entomology, and Photographic Sections.

A lecture was given early in the term by the Reverend J. W. Piggott on "Anti-Vivisection." A. S. Goldstein gave a lecture on Organic Dyes and their application to a Biological use, and a film "Marshland Birds" was shown.

The Society's Annual Tea was held during the Spring Term, on March 2nd. The Tea was followed by an address given by the Chairman, J. W. Turner, and a lecture by D. Beck on "Penicillin, from Mould to Patient." A film on "High Speed Research on the Movements of Vocal Chords" concluded the meeting.

The attendance at the normal meetings has been good, and the work carried out by the Society has included Photomicrography, Preparation of Selective Weed Killer and Museum exhibits, and Aquarium Maintenance.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Shea, the Founder of the Society, whom we are very sorry to lose this term. His enthusiastic work on behalf of the Society has been unfailing in its zeal since the formation of the Society in 1948. We wish him every success in his new position.

S. OVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

THE CHESS SOCIETY

The following matches were played in the Autumn and Spring terms:—

v. John Lyon's School, Harrow	<i>Away</i>	Won	6½—1½
v. St. Dunstan's College	<i>Away</i>	Drew	4 —4
v. City of London School	<i>Home</i>	Lost	2½—3½
v. Ealing County School	<i>Home</i>	Drew	4 —4
v. Ealing Chess Club "B" Team	<i>Away</i>	Lost	2½—3½
v. Merchant Taylors' School	<i>Away</i>	Won	4 —2
v. Kilburn Grammar School	<i>Home</i>	Won	5 —1
v. City of London School	<i>Away</i>	Lost	2½—5½
v. Queen Elizabeth's School	<i>Home</i>	Won	6 —2
v. St. Dunstan's College	<i>Home</i>	Won	6 —2
v. Willesden County School	<i>Away</i>	Won	3½—2½

These results are the most successful for many years.

An individual and a House competition were also held, both of which were won by Hendersons. My thanks are due to all who made up the team, to Postle, for arranging Society meetings, and to Mr. Griffiths, whose efforts and advice ensured the success of the Society and of the team.

J. F. RISBY.

CHRISTIAN UNION

We were glad to find at the beginning of the Spring Term a much improved spiritual atmosphere in the Union.

Just after half-term a film was shown by Mr. Tryom of the South Africa General Mission about the Pioneer camps in Anglesey. The number of boys attending this meeting was the largest in the annals of the Union. We were fortunate during the Spring term in having a speaker nearly every Monday. Early in the term the School Chaplain gave a talk on "The Difficulties of Prayer." The following week, Rev. W. A. Macdonald spoke on "Gambling." Since half-term we have had Rev. Messrs. Deasy, Collins, Chilnes and Rosamond who spoke on "The Good Shepherd," "Why I am a Pacifist," "The Christian Armour" and "What is Religion all about?" respectively.

We have been glad during the term to welcome several boys to our Union. We pray for the efforts in personal evangelism being made by members of the Union and expect that God will bless them. We wish to commend to all the meeting for prayer held at 12.30 on Thursdays. We are sure that the spiritual awakening we are witnessing is due in no small part to the influence of this meeting, believing that the Christian community will be imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit as it waits upon the Lord in prayer.

J. BAUSOR
A. G. E. BURGESS } *Hon. Secs.*

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Since our last report in THE SKYLARK Mr. Matthews, one of the founders of the Society, has left for St. Dunstan's College. In appreciation of his valuable help, the Society made him a small presentation near the end of the Summer Term last year.

Meetings during the last few terms have been few owing to the incidence of examinations. After Higher Schools last year J. U. M. Smith gave an authoritative talk on Aerodynamics, long to be remembered for the gaily coloured chalk diagrams as well as the erudition he displayed. The Cambridge and London scholarship examinations curtailed the programme for the Autumn and Spring Terms. At the "Magazine Programme" held in January J. I. Bausor and the Secretary spoke on "The Use of Numbers" and "The 15 Puzzle" respectively and Mr. Hewitt regaled the Society with a most diverting insight into his methods of "Teaching Geometry to the First Form," which he continued in the February meeting. The other speaker at this meeting was F. H. Read, who in his first lecture to the Society showed an extensive knowledge of the theory of Prime Numbers. In March the Society attended

a lecture, at the Institute of Education, on "Mathematical Films," during which some highly intriguing experimental continental films were seen.

It has been heartening to see some members of the Lower Sixth Form at meetings in addition to the third year Sixth; I should like to see more boys who are outside the group of founder members attend our meetings.

J. S. WEISS, *Hon. Sec.*

MUSIC SOCIETY

Last term saw the beginning of an experiment in Music Society activities—a weekly series of lunch-hour gramophone recitals held in the Headmaster's Study. The audience, though not large, was generally representative of the whole School with regular listeners from the First Forms as well as the Fifths and Sixths. The recitals were in two series, entitled "Programme Music" and "Music of the Sea" respectively; the last recital of the term, a request programme, was very popular, the attendance being more than double the average of twenty.

In the previous term an audience of over two hundred boys of the School listened to a most enjoyable lecture-recital given by Mr. Sidney Harrison. The theme of his talk was "Two Hundred Years of Piano Playing" and he showed on the piano how the style of playing changed with the style of music. One of the outstanding features of the recital was a brilliant rendering of Saint-Saëns' Bourrée for left hand alone.

Also in the Autumn Term Dr. McLellan gave an interesting talk on the Savoy Operas of Gilbert and Sullivan, illustrated with gramophone records, in preparation for the Spring Term production of "Iolanthe" (of which a report appears elsewhere).

Finally, I should like to thank the Headmaster and Dr. McLellan for their help in arranging the gramophone recitals and for their great interest in the Society's affairs.

J. S. WEISS, *Hon. Sec.*

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

During the last two terms membership has risen to over forty, most of the new members being boys who have come up from the Lower School.

Nine films have been shown, at seven meetings, and we are grateful to J. S. Hutchinson, the projectionist, for making this possible. They included such diverse subjects as Canadian National Parks, Norwegian fauna and flora, Australian birds, and beavers, British sea-birds, and terriers.

Bad weather kept many members away from outdoor meetings, but many interesting and rare birds were seen (Shoveller duck, for example, on the Welsh Harp), and it is hoped that more members will attend in future.

The Easter Term's activities ended with a Tea, at which some 25 members and guests were present. After the good things provided had been eaten the company adjourned to the Physics Lab., where first of all Mr. Small gave a brief talk on bird song, illustrated on the gramophone by some of Dr. Ludwig Koch's recordings, then J. C. Lord showed lantern slides of African fauna and flora, and finally all took part in a short natural history 'quiz,' at which P. J. Beales and D. M. Martin carried off the prizes.

Everyone enjoyed the evening and it is hoped to make it an annual occasion.

The Society's thanks are due to Mr. Small for his continued interest and guidance; to Mr. Payne for allowing us the use of the Science building and apparatus for our film shows; to Miss Savill for providing, with her staff, an excellent tea.

J. LORD } *Joint Hon. Secs.*
D. BROWN }

PHOTOGRAPHIC CIRCLE

During this term, members of the Circle have recorded various school activities, and the results have been seen on the notice-board. Also there has been two darkroom meetings and a lantern slide show.

Next term we will continue to record School activities, and, besides the making of a film strip on Physics, our programme will include a number of visits and outings. An Exhibition and Competition is also being arranged for Speech Day, all members of the School and Staff being invited to submit entries.

In conclusion, we would like to thank our President, Mr. Allsopp, for all he has done for us this term.

J. A. ROSE, *VI.A Science.* } *Joint Secretaries.*
J. A. ROSE, *V.B.* }

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Society has consisted of some sixty members and in order to provide scope for the more active members a Chemical and Physical Group was formed under J. P. Simons. Papers were read at the meetings on such diverse subjects as "Silicates" by M. M. R. Freeman, "Inert Gases" by J. P. Simons and the now established annual lecture on "Pyrotechnics" was this year presented by G. H. Silvey, who concluded with demonstrations of working models of the German war-time V1 and V2. Other papers were given by M. J. Keen on "Electrical Discharges at High Voltages" and by A. J. Skrimshire on "Spot Tests."

We must thank Miss Savill and her staff for the Annual Tea that they provided for us at the commencement of the Spring term. After the tea a film entitled "Fiddlers Three" starring Tommy Trinder in a backward flight to ancient Rome was received with much appreciation. We were very glad to welcome the Headmaster to the whole of the evening's programme.

Visits were arranged to the Dubilier Condenser Company at North Acton, W. J. Bush and Company Limited, Chemical Manufacturers at Hackney, United Glass Bottle Manufacturers Limited at Charlton, Research Laboratories of General Electric Company Limited at Wembley.

At the end of the term three films were shown: "Nickel Winning," "Man-made Canyon" and "Building a Character Metal," all of which were provided by the Mond Nickel Company Limited.

Is it generally known among the non-Science Sixth Formers that the Science Society functions for the whole of the Sixth Form?

In conclusion we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Payne for his continued active interest and guidance in the Society's affairs, also to Mr. Knight the President of the Chemical and Physical Group.

J. W. TURNER, *Hon. Sec.*

SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The activities of the Society during term are severely curtailed by a lack of time. Evening visits are obviously out of the question and Saturday visits are difficult to arrange because of the prevalence of the five-day working week, a measure which we as sociologists welcome, although as sightseers it is a source of some inconvenience to us. In spite of its difficulties the Society continues to be popular and the Committee thought it necessary to limit its membership to forty-five. The Committee expressed doubt whether certain of its members were interested in Sociology.

Since these notes last appeared a successful tea and film-show has been held, and interesting outings have taken place to the Middlesex County Court, the Kodak factory and the B.B.C. Transmitter at Brookman's Park.

During the Easter holidays the Society arranged four visits to factories in N.W. London. The first was to the Heinz factory at Hayes, famous for its variety of tinned foods. The second was to Messrs. Waterlows' printing works at Park Royal where the Radio Times is printed. The third party visited Mabie Todd's factory to see the manufacture of Swan Pens and inks; and, finally, a party visited Schweppes' Mineral Water factory at Hendon.

A. G. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

SCIENCE LIBRARY

The Library has been well patronised during the Autumn and Spring terms by most sections of the School, especially by the Sixth Form.

The introduction of a new system for the checking of books has proved its worth in the ease and rapidity with which the end of term stock-takings have been performed. It is noticed with satisfaction that the number of disappearances of books from the Library is now very low.

M. J. Keen and G. H. Silvey have been appointed as Assistant Librarians.

I should like to offer my thanks to Mr. Shea for his continued help and advice.

The following have been received among other new books:—

<i>The Nature of the Universe</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hoyle
<i>What is Life?</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Haldane
<i>Soviet Genetics and World Science</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Huxley
<i>Evolution, Heredity and Variation</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ward Cutler
<i>The World of Science</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sherwood Taylor
<i>What is man?</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Machin
<i>Spotlight on Animals</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pincher
<i>Britain's Green Mantle</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tansley
<i>Organic Chemistry, Parts I, II and III</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Kipping

J. W. TURNER, *Science Librarian.*

SCHOOL LIBRARY

This term the work of completely re-cataloguing and re-classifying under a more comprehensive system has continued. A fines system was introduced experimentally during the Spring Term and from the money collected the new Middleton Murray book on Keats, "The Mystery of Keats" was purchased. Books purchased from Library funds include:—

<i>Across the river and into the trees</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Hemmingway
<i>Stalin</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lyons
<i>Schiller</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Garland
<i>Harrap's Standard French Dictionary</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
<i>Rodney Stone</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. Conan Doyle
<i>The Bolshevist Revolution</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	E. H. Carr
Presented by D. W. Small, Esq.								
<i>Die Kleinen Freuden</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bürgel
<i>Oberammergau Passion Play, 1950.</i>								
<i>Sweden Past and Present.</i>								
Presented by D. Woolf.								
<i>The Art of the Film</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lindgren

The Librarian.

‘ THE RIVALS ’

by

R. BRINSLEY SHERIDAN

Presented by The Dramatic Society

on

December 14th, 15th & 16th, 1950.

Dramatis Personae

SIR ANTHONY ABSOLUTE	.	.	.	.	.	J. A. Davidson
CAPTAIN ABSOLUTE	.	.	.	.	.	G. B. Binding
FAULKLAND	.	.	.	.	.	M. R. Hawgood
ACRES	.	.	.	.	.	D. A. Jones
SIR LUCIUS O'TRIGGER	.	.	.	.	.	D. A. Harling
FAG	.	.	.	.	.	J. A. Rose
DAVID	.	.	.	.	.	M. J. Lewis
THOMAS	.	.	.	.	.	M. O. Herzog
MRS. MALAPROP	.	.	.	.	.	R. J. Way
LYDIA LANGUISH	.	.	.	.	.	M. C. Ginn
JULIA	.	.	.	.	.	M. B. G. Ross
LUCY	.	.	.	.	.	K. A. Thompson
LIGHTING	.	.	.	.	.	P. F. Jackson, D. N. Spatcher, F. Benghiat
PROMPTER	.	.	.	.	.	R. H. Horne
CALL BOY	.	.	.	.	.	K. F. Trott
STAGE-HANDS	.	.	.	.	.	M. Beaman, A. M. T. Barrow
						M. R. Weatherley, P. A. Skinner
						J. T. Farrand, A. K. Alexander
COSTUMES	.	.	.	.	.	J. McNair, Esq., G. B. Morrison, V. A. Barker
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER	.	.	.	.	.	G. B. Warren
STAGE MANAGER	.	.	.	.	.	H. L. B. Moody, Esq.
STAGE FITTED BY	.	.	.	.	.	J. W. Lear, Esq.
PRODUCER	.	.	.	.	.	D. R. Witney, Esq.

The production, on the whole, was straightforward and sensible. It avoided too much stage “business,” which can become exceedingly distracting even in eighteenth-century comedy and might well have been fatal to an inexperienced school cast. The producer was probably right in making his cast concentrate primarily on their lines, even at the expense, now and then, of a sense of style. After “hanging fire” until towards the end of the second scene the play built up its situations at an increasing speed and reached a convincing climax in the last scene. To build up interest to this point was no mean feat; as the major situation of the play has already been resolved by the middle of the Fourth Act. This production, however, gave us no sense of anti-climax.

The lines were, for the main part, well-spoken. At times lack of emphasis, usually to some witticism, gave the impression that the speaker did not fully understand his lines, and at times also, the lines were rushed. As the play proceeded, spontaneous gestures and movements seemed to come more readily. It was pleasing that the cast had learned how to stand and group themselves intelligently, though one or two seemed too endeared to a particular corner of the stage, and only moved from it under duress.

Individual performances varied in merit. G. B. Binding

gave the part of Captain Absolute much of the assurance, variety and movement it required. His gestures had the correct degree of stylization, but he might at times have given the impression of enjoying his comic scenes a little more. J. A. Davidson gave a straightforward and intelligent performance as an irascible father, though when his temper cooled, his voice dropped from the age of sixty to nearer twenty-six. A. L. Hawgood, as the suspicious lover Falkland, made the most of his movements, but a rather unintelligent rendering of his admittedly difficult lines took the conviction from his movements and gestures. D. A. Jones quite rightly made no attempt to enlarge on the pure caricature of Bob Acres, but, except in the last scene where he finally warmed into life, he remained far too stationary and his voice often lacked variety. The blustering baronet, Sir Lucius O'Trigger, was well-played by D. A. Harling and gestures and movements denoted a pleasing self-confidence. Of the servants, David, played by M. J. Lewis, was the best.

The voice difficulty was more acute in the female parts. It was avoided in Mrs. Malaprop, where Way scored a distinct success giving vigour to both speech and movement. But the necessity for a varied as well as feminine voice was too much for Ginn, who played the part of the incurably romantic Lydia with insufficient spirit. Ross, as Julia, had quite, a good voice for the part, but stumbled over her lines from time to time owing to too great speed. Only in the Fourth Act did she avoid this fault and give the part the zest it required. The maid Lucy, played by Thompson, also tended towards monotony in speech, but in her scene with Sir Lucius she responded well to the by-play. Many of the faults diminished in the later parts of the play as the cast settled down and at last looked as if they were beginning to enjoy themselves. Of the stage hands, and back stage workers who should generally be applauded for their speed between scenes, the set-designers deserve honourable mention for the variety and quality of their work.

T. BURGNER.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

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IOLANTHE

by

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Presented by the H. A. H. S. Amateur Operatic Society

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on

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THE CAST

THE LORD CHANCELLOR	.	.	.	.	.	.	R. E. Jefford
EARL OF MOUNTARARAT	.	.	.	.	.	.	R. Keevil
EARL TOLLOLLER	.	.	.	.	.	.	H. R. Farrington
PRIVATE WILLIS, of the Grenadier Guards	.	.	.	.	.	.	D. R. Witney
STREPHON, an Arcadian Shepherd	.	.	.	.	.	.	V. S. Tunkel
Queen of the Fairies	.	.	.	.	.	.	I. S. R. White
IOLANTHE, A Fairy, Strephon's Mother	.	.	.	.	.	.	H. J. Clifford
CELIA	} Fairies	.	.	.	.	.	D. J. Walker
LEILA		.	.	.	.	.	M. F. Neale
FLETA		.	.	.	.	.	I. D. Irving
PHYLLIS, an Arcadian Shepherdess and Ward in Chancery	.	.	.	.	.	.	D. B. Shorn
CHORUS OF DUKES, MARQUISES, EARLS, VISCOUNTS, BARONS	Messrs. Bothwell, McNair, Griffiths, Mans- bridge, Martin, West, Jeffries, O'Brien, Abrahams, Beales, Routley, Pringle, Keen, Phillips, Bovington, Morrisson, Woolford.						
CHORUS OF FAIRIES	Berwick, Blount, Goldthorpe, Beach, Stern, Ellacott, Lewis, Drewry, Warwick, Woodford, Langmead, C. Bartlett, P. Bartlett, Betts, Pannell, Read, Gilby, Goldman.						

THE ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR: Dr. Eric McLellan

1st Violins	John Crowther, Leader, Leonard Green, Brian Hanes, David Downing
2nd Violins	William Watts, Michael Busse, Elfrida Janda, Colin Perkins
Violas	Anne Butler, Thomas Kerwin
Pianoforte	Timothy Baxter
Celli	Gordon Campbell, Miriam Herzog, Helen Hughes, Marjorie Whitehead
Double Bass	Cyril Simmons
Flute	Harold Tyler
Oboe	Peter Craen
Clarinet	Tony Clark
Bassoon	Alfred Butler
Horns	Patrick Dickson, John Weiss
Trumpets	Cecil Money, Ronald Oakley
Trombones	John Bowsher, Roy Woodland
Timpani and Percussion	Derek Harling, Ian Rickwood
Librarian	Maitland Lincoln

PRODUCER	H. L. B. Moody, Esq.
STAGE MANAGER	J. G. White, Esq., <i>with</i> A. K. Alexander and M. Beaman
STAGE CARPENTRY	G. C. Hickman, Esq.
DANCES ARRANGED, & FAIRY COSTUMES DESIGNED BY	J. W. Lear, Esq.
MAKE-UP ORGANIZED BY	J. W. Lear, Esq.
COSTUMES SUPERVIZED BY	G. D. West, Esq., <i>with</i> R. J. Way and G. Rogers
ELECTRICIANS	P. F. Jackson, F. Benghiat, D. N. Spatcher and C. Lang
PROMPTER	L. J. Clark
CALL-BOY	R. B. Lyle
SCENERY BY	D. L. Gillespie and P. C. Pearson
<i>Programmes printed on the School Press by</i>	J. M. Bowsher, J. S. Weiss and P. Townsend
ACCOMPANIST AT REHEARSALS	T. R. Baxter

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In the middle thirties the School produced three Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, under the inspiration of that master of his craft, Percy Meadows. War intervened, to interrupt the sequence. Now the tradition is renewed—in a production which is worthy to rank with the best of the past.

Contrary to the anticipation of some, the appeal of the D'Oyly Carte operas has outlived the allusions which would seem to 'date' them and threaten their claim to a measure of immortality. The writer's university life was punctuated with recurring doses of Gilbert and Sullivan, administered by such Savoyards as Leo Sheffield and Bertha Lewis, Constance Johnson and Henry Lytton. We seized every opportunity to hear them; we sang their songs and choruses *vivace* in our rooms, or *piano* drifting down the Cher under the stars of summer evenings, with little other sound than the gurgle of the stream or the cry of the corncrake in the water meadows gliding by.

In 'The Peer and the Peri' we are translated from the exasperations of the contemporary scene to the refreshing incongruities of a world of phantasy wherein the frictions of Parliamentary procedure are smoothed by fairy intervention. And what fairies! 'Are they really boys?' ask members of the audience. One of the potent appeals of a school production is the transformation of well-known school personalities into beings far removed from their normal selves, into—for example—Private Willis!

Of the principals, R. E. Jefford, as Lord Chancellor, gave a pleasing, spirited performance of an exacting part. He has already demonstrated his gifts on the School stage, and when his voice is stronger he should do well. Mr. Keevil's Mountararat was entirely delightful; and Mr. Farrington's Tolloller had a measure of blue blood, full, 'pressed down, and running over.' As Private Willis, Mr. Witney scored a bullseye, and was ultimately and appropriately

airborne. H. J. Clifford played Iolanthe with just the right combination of pathos and fugitive gaiety; his recitative 'My lord, a suppliant at your feet I kneel' deserved applause for its beauty and depth of feeling. I. S. R. White, resplendent as the Fairy Queen, gave a courageous performance; while Phyllis (D. B. Shorn) a bright, lively minx, and Strephon (V. S. Tunkel) were well suited to each other.

The chorus of Peers, superbly dressed, was dignified and stately; although some had not yet acquired that restraint which is the hall mark of the Upper House, and one, at least, had his own ideas of independent movement. The Fairies, ably led by M. F. Neale (Leila), were charming and convincing, exciting admiration on their first appearance against the colourful arcadian scene painted by D. L. Gillespie and P. C. Pearson. At their best in movement and song, they tended to be unnaturally solemn when in static background. Full marks to Mr. Lear, who arranged the dances and designed the dresses; full marks to the mothers and sisters who made the latter! In their singing and movement both choruses gave evidence of repeated and careful rehearsal—and to have got so many performers moving at once on our stage was no mean achievement.

The Orchestra, nearly thirty strong, included various friends of the School, to whom we are indebted for their co-operation, not least in overcoming the difficulties of getting together for rehearsal. The performance gave encouraging evidence of Dr. McLellan's progress in building up a competent School orchestra.

No record of a performance is complete without recognition of the vital part played by those who do not appear on the stage: the stage-manager, carpenters, electricians, make-up staff, call-boy, prompter, programme-printers, and others. To them, as to cast and orchestra, it meant much hard work, much giving up of spare time—it meant, too, much enjoyment and satisfaction. As a piece of team work the production was an outstanding success—by no means justifying the reluctance of its producer, Mr. Moody, to appear after the final curtain. As many appreciative messages prove, he and Dr. McLellan have every reason to be satisfied with their achievement.

J.F.C.

We now come to consider the production from a more purely musical point of view. The Principals were well cast. Shorn has just the right quality of voice for such a part as Phyllis. Clifford displayed great artistry in his interpretation of Iolanthe. It is true that in the matter of volume, his voice is commensurate with his



Principal Characters

IOLANTHE

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IOLANTHE

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Full Cast

stature; but what he lacks in power is more than compensated for by an almost uncanny accuracy, as well as great purity of tone. Neale, as Leila, revealed a voice which may earn him a more prominent part in future productions; and Walker, as Celia, sang with exceptional accuracy and confidence.

Of the male parts, high praise must go to Mr. Keevil as Mount-ararat, especially for his rendering of the much-encored "When Britain really ruled the waves;" to Mr. Farrington (Tolloller) miraculously sent to us when we had despaired of ever finding a tenor soloist; and to Mr. Witney who, as Private Willis, was delightful in his rich and fruity cadenzas. The Lord Chancellor's role is not, of course, an outstandingly musical one; but all the same one needs a strong rhythmic sense and an ability to "put it across." Jefford coped most successfully with this exacting part. A word of special congratulation should be offered to those who took part in the Quartet "In friendship's name." Their rendering provided one of the most musically satisfying moments in the opera.

There are two people who so far have not been mentioned; not because they are not worth it, but because they deserve a special round of applause. In boys' schools, contraltos and tenors are hard to find; and it follows that the parts of the Fairy Queen and of Strephon were not easy to cast. High praise therefore is due to I. S. R. White who, as the Fairy Queen, grappled so effectively with a vocal line which lay so tantalizingly between registers; and to Tunkel who, as Strephon, had to sing music in which no one of school age can hope to feel really comfortable.

Next we come to that hardworking, much abused, mercilessly rehearsed chorus, the very backbone of any production of this kind. The fairies sounded as delightful as they looked. They were unusually accurate and their enunciation was excellent. The Peers were no less worthy of commendation; and here again the Tenors deserve special congratulation. The tessitura of Sullivan's Chorus parts is very high and causes trouble even with mature singers. For people of school age it is often nightmarish.

Lastly, a word of praise to the Orchestra, whose contribution to an opera so often goes unnoticed. Composers, when scoring their operas, assume a body of singers endowed with that fog-horn variety of voice which is capable of penetrating a formidable barrage of sound. In the case of an amateur production, therefore, the orchestra is called upon to do a great deal of *pianissimo* playing. The fact that the vocalists could be heard, and heard quite distinctly, is a tribute to heroic restraint on the part of the players.

Musicus.

STUBEN AM ARLBERG

Early on the morning of the 27th December, a small but intrepid party assembled in the gloom of Victoria Station. They had before them a long and arduous journey which was to take them across tempestuous seas and through five continental countries. At lunch time on the following day they reached their destination—Stuben in the Austrian province of Vorarlberg, world renowned for its winter sports centres.

Such was the charm of this tiny snowbound village and so exhilarating the atmosphere, 4,000 ft. up on the Arlberg Pass, that far from indulging in any kind of rest, the travellers spent the afternoon making swift and perilous descents of the village street on toboggans.

The snow was in excellent condition when next morning the party paraded under Hans, the ski instructor. Some had ski-ed before and could imitate in a fair way the instructor's manoeuvres. Others had not: but occasional tumbles in soft snow merely increased their determination to master the art of gliding along for at least a few yards without falling.

After some days the party set off over the pass to St. Christophe, a minute mountain village. And a day or two later they ski-ed down to St. Anton, the famous winter sports centre. Here the shop windows exerted such an attraction that many lingered fascinated until it was too late to ski back, and they brought their purchases home by train through the Arlberg Tunnel.

Back in Stuben the party persevered under the patient care of Hans and practised their stem turns and Christies. They even erected a small ski jump which, while not quite as high as the structure recently to be seen on Hampstead Heath, provided all the desired excitement.

Other expeditions soon followed, one to Lech and one to Zürs. The visit to Zürs provided perhaps the best day of the holiday. The snow was perfect and the sun shone without interruption the whole day. The ski lift carried the travellers up the slopes high above the village: then from the top they ski-ed at almost super-sonic speed to the bottom of the valley. For as long as the supply of Austrian schillings lasted, the amusing ascents and dashing descents were continued. And it was with some reluctance that the party took the road back to Stuben, for it was the last day of their holiday.

For the kindly interest in their welfare taken by Herr Rudi Fritz, for all the help given them by M. Ammand, for the patient coaching by Hans and for the friendly company of Anton, the party is deeply grateful. "Come again next year," they said as they came to see us off. The party felt that the rigours of the journey were well worth while.

R.W.H.

FACT AND FAITH FILMS

We are indebted to Mr. Bothwell for showing us four interesting films in the Fact and Faith series. They were filmed in colour at Los Angeles under the sponsorship of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. The first film shown was "God of Creation," which showed some fascinating photographs illustrating photosynthesis in plants, the life history of a butterfly and the phenomenal growth of paramecia. The second film was "God of the Atom," in which were shown some terrifying shots of the Bikini atom bomb experiment. The third, "Voice of the Deep," contained some wonderful, if somewhat eerie, submarine photography (unique of its kind), whilst "Dust and Destiny" dealt with the workings of the human body, the migratory urge of birds, and the radar principle by which bats fly safely at night. These films contained much excellent photography of great scientific interest, but were accompanied by a rather superfluous explanatory commentary. Herein lay the series' main fault: the films were divisible into two main parts. The first part was the film sequence, and the second, in the nature of an addendum, was little more than a series of Biblical quotations which sought by means of a linking dialogue to relate the former half of the film to God and to demonstrate His supreme authority and control over the universe. In this respect, however, it was not altogether successful.

P. J. B.

VALETE

DECEMBER, 1950

<i>V1a Modern</i>	M. S. KING
<i>V1b Modern</i>	J. F. H. COLLETT, A. G. GLASS, W. K. LEONARD E. J. RICHARDSON, M. J. THOMAS, P. W. WILLIAMS
<i>V1a Science</i>	J. C. BEAL, A. R. B. CLOOTE
<i>V1b Science</i>	J. W. WILLIAMS
<i>Va</i>	R. C. BARKER, H. BLATCH, M. J. CRAMPTON, P. J. FOOT, M. R. HAWGOOD, R. E. HOOD, P. D. B. HOWSE, R. I. POLLARD, J. B. STEPHENS, K. F. AUSTIN, K. J. CROMBIE
<i>Transitus b</i>	C. D. S. SMITH
<i>IVb</i>	P. GRAHAM-SMITH, R. T. HAWKSWOOD
<i>IIIb</i>	R. L. T. BURGESS, I. MCKISSACK
<i>Ia</i>	M. J. BRIGGS

MARCH, 1951

<i>VIb Modern</i>	J. P. HAYNES
<i>Ia</i>	P. R. AUSTEN

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

*St. Catharine's College,
Cambridge*

While Haberdashers have been enjoying a belated holiday, the sixteen ex-members of the 'School, now in residence here, have slowly gathered themselves together for the annual effort which the University requires of them. Judging by my own behaviour and from a quick survey of the College "Backs," the sudden spring has put an end to all the Easter vacation resolutions, which are usually broken at this time of the year. This is also the season for mass invitations of relatives to come and visit one's alma mater. Shamefaced freshmen are seen escorting doting mothers and fond fathers down King's Parade, carefully avoiding the well-known haunts where they normally waste their mornings.

For the first week of the term, the punts helplessly bumped each other towards Grantchester and the Backs bore more than a slight resemblance to Southend. But from the depths of one craft, the two traditionally laconic undergraduates have already been overheard sighing, as they dangled their fingers in the stream, "Of course, if we'd done more work in the Michaelmas and Lent terms, there wouldn't be this frightful rush now!" So some penitents are now emerging from their fool's paradise of the last two terms, and as the present writer counts himself as one among these he hereby declares, as he steadfastly contemplates his shelves of unread books, that Cambridge letter must be his last free-lance effort. Facing its academic nemesis, the student body feels it can no longer sustain itself exclusively upon the triumphs of its internationally victorious boat-crew, or even upon its new city status.

A word concerning the O.Hs. here. The post-war age-gap has not closed: pre-National Service Haberdashers and Z-Reservists still find a place for themselves and for each other. I have glimpsed from time to time those still austere seniors whom I revered in the 3rd form. This year's vintage of newcomers consist of Brian Howard (Trinity College: reading English), Geoff Modlen (Queens' College: reading something scientific) and last but not

T. BURGNER.

LONDON LETTER

● *University College,
London.*

A comparatively short space of time has elapsed since a member of this same College of London University was afforded the opportunity of contributing a University letter. As this gave such a clear account of the structure and the scope of the University as a whole, I think I may be justified, if I write today a University College letter. This, I believe, will give a truer and more intimate insight into everyday life up in London. I also feel that University College, with over three thousand students on its roll, being in itself as large as many provincial Universities, has a full right to command a letter of its own.

I shall start by outlining the many disadvantages with which the College is inflicted, as compared with other Colleges and Universities. Situated near the centre of the vast concentration of London, the College suffered much from bombing. A large part of the building was wrecked or made uninhabitable. This is gradually being remedied, and builders, with all their attendant impedimenta, are continually to be seen around the College. The result is that parts of the precincts are, to say the least, uninspiring and at the moment much discomfort is caused by want of space.

The College Union, while looking after the interests and welfare of the Students, provides within the building a haven of rest—the Union Lounge.

Needless to say, this is equipped with a very efficient bar, and even more efficient barman. Behind his counter hang the many and variegated trophies acquired by students on their widespread travels. Nevertheless, facilities are very inadequate for the number of students desirous of being served, and in the New Plans for reconstruction of the College no new premises were made available. However, the Union Council protested strongly against this, and the position is being reconsidered. Yes, here is true democracy! Finally the Sports ground is situated in Hertfordshire, at Shenley, over an hour's coach run from College gates.

All this would rather deter people from entering the College, if it were not that it has many advantages, some unique, which far outweigh its faults. I have said there are over three thousand students here, and of these many are foreign. What is more, many others are drawn from all over the British Isles, particularly what is loosely termed "The North." By meeting many of these students in lectures, sports, society functions and even just in the Union Lounge, it is possible to encounter a bewildering array of controversial opinions and points of view, and it also affords one the opportunity of expressing one's own. College "types" may vary from the immaculate, bowler-hatted, starched-collared Law Student with a red carnation in his buttonhole, to the corduroy-suited, crepe-soled Slade Art Student, with voluminous unkempt beard. Of course, by far the great majority lie soberly between these two extremes. With no restriction on colour or religion, the College has a much more varied and interesting student body than many other places of Higher Education.

The College Union is healthy and flourishing, and typical of this is its Executive Committee. Such a Committee, who together with the other ordinary Union Council Members, apportion over £8,000 annually, to be used for the benefit of the undergraduates, cannot afford to be lethargic and amateurish. Of this money, nearly a third is used to subsidise the various sporting clubs. In spite of the inconvenience of travelling, facilities within most of these clubs are good. The Council of the Union also organises a full social programme at the College, which takes many varied forms. Since the fee for membership of the Union is automatically covered by tuition and entrance fees, all members of the College are at the same time members of the Union and as such have full use of all the benefits it provides.

First impressions of the College are mixed. Firstly, the number of internal College Students is bewildering. The second fact that is bewildering—one that I certainly cannot claim to be peculiar to this College or University—is the way in which one finds oneself in direct contact with remote demigods, whose names previously had only appeared on the backs of text books. This fact, combined with the full programme provided by the Union and its Societies, affords one the opportunity of enjoying an extremely interesting and full existence. However, in many fields, the student is not spoon-fed and facilities that at school are often taken for granted, must be made use of by conscious effort.

I have not in this letter set out to persuade you that University College, London, is the prospective heaven on earth for the new undergraduate. I am sure University letters achieve little if they specifically embark on fishing for those who have not decided as yet on which august institution they will bestow the privilege of their presence. There can be little argument as to the fact that the prospective undergraduate should not pick the University of his choice merely by its name, but rather by the quality of the particular department which will instruct him. I think University College can, from this point of view, rival all its fellows in combining in one College such a vast number of recognised authorities in so many different subjects. The number of familiar faces to be seen here will testify to you that many other Haberdashers chose their College wisely.

ALISTAIR J. DICKSON.

EGYPTIAN LETTER

82 *Locating Battery, R.A.,*

M.E.L.F. 10.

There are many topics about which I could write but I will confine myself to two—The Political and Geographical considerations in Egypt, with particular reference to the Canal Zone.

One's first impressions of Egypt on landing at Port Said is of squalor and filth on an unimaginable scale, secondly the absence of any of our customary greenery and thirdly the presence of many sentries both British and Egyptian to emphasise the rift between the two countries. Of Port Said itself I saw very little but was not impressed. There are few towns in the Canal Zone itself which is about 100 miles long and varies in depth from fifteen miles at Suez to forty at Tel-el-Kebir, which is only sixty from Cairo. The towns, besides Port Said are Ismailia, Fayid and Suez. Of these three Ismailia is the best as it contains a large European element and has three very good clubs, viz., the United Services Club, the French and the Greek clubs. Visits to these are largely controlled by the state of one's exchequer but it is good to get away from the military atmosphere. Port Said is rather uninspiring and large areas are out of bounds to servicemen for good reasons, and the Suez itself is rather isolated. Ismailia therefore is the only respectable town, as Fayid is a purely military centre notable mainly as the home of G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

The entire zone is "in" Egypt but not "of" Egypt, the road signs are products of the Military Police and endless roads are bordered by camps. Native villages, however, are abundant, very foul-smelling places where there are eternal advertisements of Coca-Cola in both English and Arabic, and squalor and filth on a scale unknown to all who have never left England. Once out of the zone however, road signs are written in Arabic and French by the Egyptian R.A.C. and there is of course a complete absence of any British military organisations.

Although I have only been here since the beginning of January, I have managed to form some definite opinions about Egypt. It is quite obvious that the desert soil is for the most part quite fertile (if it is fertilised by the many animals employed by the Fellah, for tractors are very few and far between and I have yet to see one outside a Cairo showroom.)

Water is gained from irrigation canals which have smaller and smaller branches bringing the life-giving water into the fields. The Nile delta is the best known of these areas and the ground is very highly cultivated, not a square foot being wasted and where of old the Nile used to flood, the level is kept constant by the Nile barrage, just North of Cairo, which controls the water, keeping it approximately at the same level throughout the year, and thus enabling the complicated system of irrigation canals to work successfully. The fields are remarkably green and usually flecked with the white bodies of storks and the brown, ever-crouching "fellah."

The wide gulf in society in Egypt is very pronounced. Most of the land is owned by "Pashas" who are absentee landlords, and reside in very palatial villas in the best residential areas of Cairo and Alexandria. They own the most flamboyant American cars and are the body of the ruling class, forming both government and opposition and controlling all the key posts. They rarely visit their estates, which are autocratically administered by overseers. The work done is by the "Fellahin" who form the main body of Egyptians outside the towns. Prolific breeders, they are ignorant, and completely at the mercy of their autocratic masters. The main reason for their apathy is the large amount of disease resulting from their conditions of life. Many are blind and nearly all suffer from "bilhartzia"—a form of hookworm which burrows into the skin and is found in all rivers and canals. This disease causes a great loss of energy and early sterility and is responsible for the lazy and apathetic attitude of these Egyptian peasants.

In the town the situation of the poor is as bad, if not worse, and I have myself seen the filth and squalor of the Cairo slums where foreigners very rarely go.

It is not a pleasant sight, ancient hovels teeming with people and an overpowering smell. The middle class is smaller but very similar to that in European countries living in suburban villas and travelling to and from town each day by tram or bus into Alexandria or Cairo.

Cairo is a City of great contrasts between the European and Eastern ways of life. It is indeed but a microcosm of the rest of Egypt where the two are permanently mingled. There are the vast buildings and shops on Western lines while just across the square one can enter in six hundred yards the famous "Mousky" bazaars where everything both within and without reason can be bought. The actual buying is an operation fraught with hazard as the shopkeeper, seeing the oncoming foreigner immediately doubles his price. However, it does not take long to come to an agreement, usually about two-thirds of what was originally asked, perhaps less. It is most remarkable how articles of such beauty and workmanship can emanate from conditions of such squalor. The atmosphere of the bazaars is kept fragrant by perfumes and the odour of spice merchants and the little bowls of incense burning before the doorways of the "shops," in which sit the owners drinking either sweet syrupy Turkish coffee or Persian tea. Before drinking, one first has a sip of slightly perfumed water and it is remarkable how it renders one's palate more acute.

Mosques abound in this quarter and nearly all are of some architectural merit, they have full minarets which can be ascended by means of spiral staircases which twist amid inky blackness, but the ascent is worth the effort as one then has an unparalleled picture of the City. I felt sorry for the poor muezzin, who has to ascend this in order to call the faithful to prayer five times daily.

There are many branches of the Christian Church in Egypt, the Coptic and Greek Orthodox being very prominent. The Anglican Cathedral is a very fine building of a brick exterior and interior of light stone. Here, on 4th March I was able to attend when Field Marshal Montgomery unveiled the memorial to the Eighth Army—it was a most impressive ceremony and attended by dignitaries of all types.

That was the one occasion when British service personnel were allowed out of the Canal Zone in uniform and then the favoured fifty only wore it between their hotel and the Cathedral. Official relations between the U.K. and Egypt are strained but the people themselves appear quite amenable, whether that is the true picture or not I am uncertain but I think it is only the ruling class that feel they have been let down by England.

English and American Tourists were much in evidence when I visited the Pyramids in the great heat of Easter Monday. The great pyramid of Cheops is truly vast and it is quite an experience to venture into the interior where one is quite helpless in the midst of the inky blackness and indomitable slabs of stone, seemingly going on forever. The Sphinx is the most photogenic statue ever made by man and I can fully appreciate its fascination.

In the Zone itself relations between the Forces and the remaining Egyptian nationals enable the Arabic language papers to make much of incidents which definitely take place. Conditions generally are not good in their lack of entertainment—only the cinemas. Transport is difficult and there is an astonishing paucity of eligible dancing partners!!

These factors, together with the climate combine to make conditions of life difficult but not impossible. I have met no O.H. but Alan Bovington was in the 73 H.A.A. when they were in Malta and is still affectionately remembered. I hope others, now at Mons O.C.S. and Eaton Hall will be coming out here for, despite the disadvantages of the political situation, the Middle East is far better than England for one's National Service. Food and clothes are plentiful and the latter are about a third of English price for all articles, whilst bathing is possible from March to October. The speed of mail is good and I feel that if possible everyone should see Egypt and the Holy Land so why not do it at the expense of H.M.'s Government? I should be only too pleased to give any advice to anybody on any subject about the M.E.L.F. and should be glad to see them here.

A. MAYOSS, 2nd/Lt., R.A.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 14th July	Cricket and Tennis Matches v. the School at Chase Lodge.
Saturday, 21st July	Tennis Tournament at Chase Lodge, 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 24th July	Special General Meeting at the School, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 11th October	Re-Union and Annual General Meeting at the School preceded by the President's Reception.
Tuesday, 30th October	Annual Dance at Hendon Hall Hotel.
Saturday, 1st December	Rugby v. the School at Chase Lodge, 2.30 p.m. Rugby Club Annual Dinner at Hendon Hall Hotel, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 2nd February	Annual Dinner, 6.30 p.m. at the School.

THE CLUB IN 1950-1951

The 1950-1951 Club Year has been one of further progress and consolidation. The established Clubs, such as the Rugby Football Club, have maintained their position and can now look forward confidently to the retention and development of the ground at Elstree, with improved facilities for Rugby, Cricket and social activities. The new "Minor Clubs" cater for a wide variety of interests, especially among younger Old Boys, and it is hoped that they will be well supported in their early years, so that the right traditions may be formed. The Re-Union and the Annual Dinner were well attended, and it was a pleasure to see so many representatives of so many generations of Old Boys present on these occasions.

The only regret is that more Old Boys do not belong to the Club. The running of the Club tends to be left to a small but enthusiastic minority who keep the traditions alive and would welcome the active support of a greater number of their contemporaries. A larger membership would make more activities possible, more money would be available for development, and more ambitious schemes, *e.g.* of permanent Club premises, could be entertained. Boys leaving School are urged to become members of the Club and many are enrolled before they actually become Old Boys: but the Club itself must take steps to attract them and prevent the leakage which seems to take place at present during National Service and professional training.

I am greatly indebted to the other Officers and Committee for the whole-hearted service they render to the Club, and to all the members for the honour they have conferred upon the Headmaster and the School by electing him as their President and for their enthusiastic support of the Club during his year of office.

T. W. TAYLOR, *President*, 1950-1951.

H.O.B.C. FINANCES

Owing to increases in costs of postage, circulars, stationery, etc., the Club has been running at a steadily increasing loss. The Committee has been recently facing a most serious position of yearly deficits which, including a deficit of £135 for 1949-50, now amounts to an accumulated loss of £647. It will be realised that this has made serious inroads into accumulated funds and a Finance Sub-Committee of the Club has been appointed by the Committee to consider the best way of putting the Club's finances on a sound basis. The immediate raising of the now somewhat nominal subscription is a matter which will be brought before a special general meeting of the whole Club on Tuesday, 24th July, at 7.30 p.m. at the School.

53rd ANNUAL DINNER

The 53rd Annual Dinner was held at the School on Feb. 3rd, 1951, Dr. Taylor, the Headmaster and President of the Club, being in the Chair. Once again over 150 members were present, though last minute defections prevented a fresh record in attendance being established. Members are reminded that catering arrangements are made easier if tickets are taken in good time and good notice is given of unavoidable cancellations. This is especially necessary as the whole of the catering is done by an outside firm. Guest of the evening was Mr. A. W. C. Hamsher, Master of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, who honoured us with his presence, and he was supported by Col. Philip Bull, D.S.O., Chairman of the School Governors. The Master replied to the toast of "The Worshipful Company, the Court of Assistants and the School Governors," ably proposed by George Batchelor, and a second reply came from Col. Bull who received a warm welcome. Another Governor of the School and an Old Boy, C. G. Gardner, M.C., proposed the toast of "The School," the Headmaster in reply telling us of its progress in the field of scholarship and development, while the School Captain, D. Gainsborough, related the traditional sporting chronicle. The toast of "The Club" was proposed by Mr. E. Jobling who, together with Mr. C. J. L. Wagstaff, a former Headmaster, and the Rev. W. H. Braine, were received with acclamation by the older section of those present. Mr. Jobling "reminisced" in his inimitable style of strange days and strange people who played their part in writing the history of the School, and the reply by the President formed an apt link between past and present. Dr. Abson and Mr. Blunt were, unfortunately, unable to attend but we were pleased to welcome the President and Secretary of the Old Askean Club; and songs by Miss Florence Raynor helped to make the evening once again an outstanding success.

In every way this was an evening of domestic re-union, not the least significant feature being the note on the back of the Menu "Printed on the H.A.H.S. Press."

O.H. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

President: J. E. G. MOODY.

Hon. Treasurer: M. J. JACKMAN, 22 Crawford Avenue, Wembley.

Hon. Secretary: A. G. JENKINS, 36 Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6.

Season 1950-51 must be written down as one of the most disappointing in the history of the Club and for this the weather was largely to blame. Not only were a number of home games cancelled, with disastrous financial effect, but many of those played were under such conditions as to make good Rugger impossible. It may be claimed that with their limited resources outside the scrum, the O.H. 1st XV suffered more from the bad

grounds than their opponents; it could be argued that but for the mud and slush results might have gone against us further. The fact remains that in reasonable conditions the XV gained some good wins while many of the losses in the mud were by a single score, after most of the play had been in our opponents' half of the field. N. R. Parker again hooked with great success and is to be congratulated on playing for Middlesex until the semi-final rounds of the County Championship, obtaining his County blazer. A. H. Spratt, J. A. Beaumont, J. Feltham and F. T. Last all contributed some fine performances during the season and the forwards only rarely had the experience of not being on top. Outside the scrum, however, there was again that lack of incisiveness about the attack which proved fatal, well though McTurk and Escoffey played at scrum-half and despite the promise of Grierson on the wing. At the end of the season J. Stagg returned to London and played some outstanding games at full-back on the Easter tour, when Graham was not available. The decision of M. J. Jackman to forsake 1st XV football for a place in the "A" may well have had some influence on the results, which were as follows:—

RECORD FOR SEASON, 1950-51

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	28	8	17	3	139	199
A XV	22	14	6	2	260	126
Ex. A XV	18	10	8	—	200	123
B XV	18	9	9	—	187	142
C XV	17	4	10	3	65	178

R. L. Hargrave, Captain of the A XV, is to be congratulated on the fine showing of his team and he retires from captaincy on the crest of a 1951 wave of success during which the A XV actually scored in nine matches 172 pts. to 36 and was undefeated. Backs, whose confidence seems to be lacking in the 1st XV, have certainly shown no lack of scoring power in the "A", and it is hoped that this will soon be translated to the higher sphere of the 1st. The Ex A XV, under K. H. Blessley's leadership, has some most promising players and the great tragedy was that the side had no fewer than nine games scratched owing to the unfit state of the ground. Peter Kimble's B XV also enjoyed another good season and the "C" had its moments of success, though still needing more of a team atmosphere, always a difficult job in the last side. It is hoped to field six XV's regularly once the third pitch at Elstree is ready and then the junior teams should feel the benefit of added playing strength.

NORTH WESTERN SEVENS

North-Western Seven-a-Side Tournament, organised by the O.H.R.F.C., was held for the first time on April 14th, at Finchley. The "Seven" had been planned as a grand finale to the season at Elstree and the last minute change of venue due to the unfit state

of the Elstree Ground was a great disappointment. However, the Finchley R.F.C. were kind enough to help us out and to take the contest at short notice on their ground for which all the competing clubs owe them a debt of gratitude. Thanks to the efforts of K. H. Blessley and M. J. Jackman, who produced the right teams at the right time, the event went like clockwork and a full 15 a-side game was able to be played in between the semi-finals and the final. The Club's thanks are due to all those who so keenly supported this venture, some 500 or 600 spectators being present. As the result of a collection taken during the afternoon £4 was sent to the funds of the National Playing Fields Association.

The Old Boys Second VII, which did well to beat Finchley and Old Lutonians on its way to the final, overcame the O.H. First VII in the Final round. The First VII had played exhausting extra time against West Herts in the Semi-final, our visitors from Watford being somewhat unlucky to lose.

The O.H.R.F.C. would like formally to thank the Finchley R.F.C. for their excellent hospitality in accommodating the Sevens on their ground and for providing such excellent catering arrangements at short notice. They would also like to thank the School authorities for lending loudspeaker and amplifying equipment and Norman and Bovington of the School for their trouble in bringing and fixing the apparatus. Thanks are also due to the Referees who so kindly contributed to the afternoon's success. During the afternoon we were honoured by a visit from the President and Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex County R.F.U.

300th PERFORMANCE

When M. J. "Jumbo" Jackman played for the O.H. First XV v. K.C.S. Old Boys on 7th April, he was making his 300th appearance for the Old Boys' senior side. To commemorate this achievement the President of the Club presented him after the match with a suitably inscribed tankard. Jackman now claims to have permanently given up First XV football after eighteen years or so of the experience. He captained the First XV before the War and returned in 1946 to take up the reins of office again. Badly wounded in North Africa and invalided out of the Army, he was generally reckoned to have finished with Rugger long before the War had ended. But "Jumbo" had other ideas and it was not long before he resumed playing with the Wasps whose Honours Cap he gained as a second row forward, also playing in a number of war-time representative games. Of great strength and magnificent physique, Jackman has for years been a menace in the line-out and loose scrums, yet his opponents have enjoyed his Rugger as much as he has. Certainly the best forward ever turned out by the School and one of London Rugger's most popular players, M. J. Jackman is now the O.H.R.F.C. Hon. Treasurer.

FIXTURES 1951-52

Leading fixtures at Elstree in the coming season will be:—

1951		
22nd	Sept.	A XV v. Old Askeans A
29th	"	1st XV v. Old Dunstonians
6th	Oct.	1st XV v. Sutton
13th	"	Ex. A XV v. O.M.T. Ex. A
20th	"	Ex. A XV v. Chiltern A
27th	"	A XV v. Old Rutlishians A
3rd	Nov.	Ex. A XV v. Sutton Ex. A
10th	"	A XV v. St. Bart's Hospital
17th	"	1st XV v. London University
24th	"	A XV v. Old Cranleighans A
1st	Dec.	1st XV v. Metropolitan Police
		A XV v. the School (<i>Chase Lodge</i>)
8th	"	1st XV v. Old Paulines
15th	"	1st XV v. Streatham
22nd	"	A XV v. Old Blues A
29th	"	1st XV v. U.C.S. Old Boys
1952		
5th	Jan.	A XV v. Sidcup A
12th	"	1st XV v. Saracens
19th	"	<i>International</i>
26th	"	A XV v. Bank of England A
2nd	Feb.	A XV v. Middlesex Hospital A
9th	"	1st XV v. Bideford (10.45)
16th	"	1st XV v. R.N.C. Greenwich
23rd	"	1st XV v. Woodford
1st	March	A XV v. Old Alleynians A
8th	"	A XV v. K.C.S. Old Boys A
15th	"	1st XV v. St. Thomas' Hospital
22nd	"	1st XV v. Old Whitgiftians
29th	"	A XV v. London Irish A
5th	April	1st XV v. Beckenham

The ground in Theobald Street, Borehamwood, is reached by L.M. Railway from Cricklewood or St. Pancras to Elstree, turning right out of station, thence first left (Theobald Street) at the "Crown" or by 712, 713 Green Line from Baker Street or Golders Green to the "Crown" or by 141 Bus from Edgware or 107, 306 from Barnet to the "Crown", Borehamwood, turn up Theobald Street and ground is 6 mins. walk on the right. Visitors will be welcomed on all Saturdays and teas and refreshments can be obtained in the pavilion.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to hear from any Old Boy desirous of joining, either as a playing or non-playing member. Playing subscription 3½ guineas, non-playing, minimum of 1 guinea.

ELSTREE GROUND IMPROVEMENT.

Work on the provision of a third pitch at Elstree is going ahead and it is hoped that the ground will be available for the coming season. Plans are also in hand for extension of the pavilion and the provision of improved facilities for teas, a new fireplace and bar,

and improved accommodation for lady visitors to the ground. Towards meeting the cost of these extensions a £500 fund in "fivers" has been opened and already a good response has been received from playing members. Will any O.H. or friend of the Club willing to subscribe please send his £5 or promise of same to the Hon. Treasurer, M. J. Jackman, 22 Crawford Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

As previously notified total cost of the ground and pavilion extension is expected to be about £3,000. Holders of the original first mortgage debentures in Old Haberdashers Sports Club Ltd., are being offered repayment in cash unless they are willing to leave the funds with the company as unsecured loans to help defray the heavy capital expenditure. Later a scheme will be submitted for raising the balance of the necessary funds by means of a new loan. It may be recalled from the plan in our last issue of the proposed new ground that it is intended to make provision for three Rugby pitches and a cricket square. When the pavilion extensions are completed, the building should be more suitable for dances and other social functions.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

Affiliated to the A.A.A. and Middlesex County A.A.A.

- President:* The Headmaster, DR. T. W. TAYLOR
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At the time of writing, the Club has just opened a new season with a match against the School at Chase Lodge. The Old Boys won by a few points after a hard fought match. A full description is given below. Further matches so far arranged for the season are as follows:--

- Saturday 19th May *v.* Shaftesbury Harriers at Parliament Hill Fields
 Wednesday 4th July *v.* Old Rutlishians at Merton Park
 Saturday 28th July *v.* Old Elizabethans at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet

It is hoped to arrange several other matches shortly.

Training facilities are available at Headstone Manor Recreation Ground, Headstone Lane, Harrow, every Sunday from 10—12 noon and at the Burroughs Track, Hendon on Tuesday evenings. Any Old Boy is welcome to come along to these training periods whether or not he is a member of the Athletic Club, and it is hoped to see many turn out who are unsure whether or not they are still fit enough to compete for the Club. Our Hon. A.A.A. Coach will be in attendance to give advice and assistance. New members are, of course, still required, and any Old Boy interested is asked to contact the Hon. Secretary.

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB *v.* THE SCHOOL AT CHASE LODGE, APRIL 28TH.

PROGRAMME AND SCORING SHEET

Event	O.H.	Score	School	Score	Time, Height or Distance
	Places		Places		
100 yds.	1st and 2nd	7	3rd and 4th	3	10.2 secs.
880 yds.	1st and 4th	5	2nd and 3rd	5	2 mins. 15 secs
Javelin	1st and 2nd	7	3rd	2	143 ft. 11 ins.
Long Jump	1st and 2nd	7	3rd and 4th	3	18 ft. 2 ins.
High Jump	1st	4	2nd and 3rd	5	4 ft. 11 ins.
220 yds.	1st and 3rd	6	2nd	3	27 secs.
120 yds. Hurdles	—	0	1st	4	16.2 secs.
440 yds.	1st and 3rd	6	2nd and 4th	4	58 secs.
1 mile	1st and 4th	5	2nd and 3rd	5	5 mins. 3 secs.
Relay 4 x 110 yds.	2nd	0	1st	6	
Total		47		40	
Order		1st		2nd	
<i>Method of Scoring:</i> 1st—4pts. 2nd—3pts. 3rd—2pts. 4th—1pt.					

Despite the fact that the date of the fixture had to be altered from that given in the last edition of THE SKYLARK, and also that the weather was not so kind to us as last year, a very pleasant afternoon was spent at Chase Lodge where the track was in excellent condition. A strong, cold wind deterred most would-be spectators but nevertheless we were pleased to welcome a gathering which included our President, the Headmaster, and Mr. Crossman. The thanks of the Club are due to Messrs. Kendall, Williams, Delaney and Dolan of the A.A.A. for acting as Officials, B. Sacks for acting as starter, Mr. Dudderidge for programme printing and judging and to Dr. Taylor and Mr. Crossman for their use of Chase Lodge and the Athletic Equipment. We are also grateful to Mrs. Woolford and Mrs. Miller for their assistance on the catering side.

It is evident that the talent apparent last season is still present, and that as the Club develops a nucleus of older members, it will attain a better and better standard in competition with more experienced Clubs. The friendly spirit engendered by the match against the School does much to give the season a first rate start. The match serves to re-unite members after the Winter, in the pleasant atmosphere of well known surroundings.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB

Captain: D. A. BLESSLEY, 7 Oakmead Gardens, Mill Hill, N.W.7.

Vice-Captain: J. A. MUSSETT, 40 Tithe Walk, N.W.7.

Hon. Sec.: R. M. SHELDON, 147a Dean's Lane, Edgware, Middx.

A list of sixteen fixtures of varying strength has been arranged for 1951 as follows: (All are away games).

13th	May	v.	Bledlow (<i>Bucks</i>)
20th	,,	v.	Pinner
27th	,,	v.	Barnet
10th	June	v.	Totteridge
17th	,,	v.	Private Banks
24th	,,	v.	Old Merchant Taylors
1st	July	v.	Mill Hill Village III
8th	,,	v.	North Mimms
14th	,,	v.	The School
		v.	School II
15th	,,	v.	Old Rutlishians
29th	,,	v.	National Bank
5th	Aug.	v.	Mill Hill Village
19th	,,	v.	Albanians Association
26th	,,	v.	Sinclairians
2nd	Sept.	v.	Old Albanians.

O.H. L.T.C.

Hon. Sec.: P. FREITAG, "Roseberry," 128 Hempstead Rd., Watford, Herts.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the School on Thursday, 28th June, at 7.30 p.m. when the constitution will be drawn up and future fixtures discussed. Since the last issue of *THE SKYLARK*, the most noteworthy event has been the completion of the War Memorial tennis courts at Chase Lodge. These courts are now in play and they are top calibre asphalt courts. It is hoped that many Old Boys will make use of them. The Club will meet regularly at Chase Lodge on Saturdays and at Westbere Road on Thursdays and any Old Boy wishing to arrange doubles or mixed doubles at the former place is invited to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary who may be able to help.

On Saturday 21st July, an American Tournament will be held at Chase Lodge starting at 2.30 p.m. All interested are asked to send their entries to the Hon. Secretary in writing or by telephone. Later in the season it is hoped to arrange a proper singles, doubles, and mixed doubles tournament to occupy the latter half of the season.

Meanwhile the Club has entered for the Public Schools' Old Boys' Competition — the D'Abernon Cup — and after a bye in the first round defeated the Old Harrovians in the second round at Byfleet by six matches to three.

Now that the Club is under way, its success will depend upon the active support it receives. So far considerable interest has been shown and the Club has made a promising start. All intending members are asked to send in their names and to make a special effort to attend the Annual Meeting of the Club.

O.H. SWIMMING CLUB

Hon. Secretary: M. CHISM, 133 Hendon Way., N.W.2.

The Club sponsored the entry of a team for the Rugby Clubs Invitation Race at the Otter Club's "Splash Night" on 1st May, at Chelsea Baths. O.H.S.C. were somewhat unlucky in being drawn with Guys and Barts Hospital teams, the former turning out to be the winners, but the Old Boys' four were only just beaten into third place. Last year's Captain, N. M. Dickie, has gone to India, but there should be a strong team to meet similar opponents to those of the previous season when O.M.T., Old Fullerians, Old Blues and Old Whitgiftians were defeated but the Old Boys lost to the School.

O.H. NEWS

News of Old Boys and their activities will be welcomed by the O.H. Correspondent to THE SKYLARK, A. G. Jenkins, 36 Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6., or can be sent direct to the Editor at the School.

PERSONAL

REV. A. J. G. HAWES, Vicar and Rural Dean of Fulham, has been appointed a Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL T. N. McEVoy has been awarded the C.B.E.

REV. W. F. PADDOCK, after 3 years at Burton-on-Trent, has returned to London to Christ Church, Fulham.

N. M. PARKER, (1906-12) reports that he now has three married sons, all Old Haberdashers, and two grandchildren in Linda Julia, born 21/1/49, daughter of Alec J. Parker, and Bobby, 25/1/49, son of F. Barry (Sam) Parker.

N. M. Parker still takes a keen interest in the School and often visits Chase Lodge with his wife.

N. R. PARKER has been awarded his Middlesex County R.F.C. blazer.

SQDN. LDR. G. W. SPIERS, R.A.F., was awarded the M.B.E. in the King's Birthday Honours List.

G. WOOLFE, has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

BIRTHS

BLESSLEY— On 20th May, 1951, at Ferncroft Nursing Home, to Gwen (nee Macrae), wife of Kenneth H. Blessley, M.B.E., M.A., A.R.I.C.S., a Son, Andrew Charles.

BROWN—On 30th April, 1951, in New Zealand to Betty, wife of L. F. Brown, a Daughter, Margaret Ann.

COOPER-JONES—On 16th March, 1951 to Pamela (nee Morgan) wife of D. Cooper-Jones, a Son.

NYE—On 21st December, 1950, to Athalie (nee Russell), wife of Ronald H. Nye, twin Sons.

MARRIAGES

DUNSFORD-PORCAS—On 28th April, 1951, at St. Margaret's, Edgware, Stuart Dunsford to Brenda Porcas.

HARGRAVE-GOUGH—On 28th April, at Abergavenny, Ralph Hargrave to Patricia Gough.

JAMES-SEVERN—On 7th April, 1951, at St. Francis Church, Dollis Hill, N. A. H. James to Brenda Margaret Severn.

PARKER-FREEBORN—On 24th April, 1951, at Oakville, Ontario, Canada, B. D. Parker to Miss Peggy Freeborn.

STAGG-MEARS—On 5th August, 1950, at Willesden Green, John Gordon Stagg to Miss Doris John Mears.

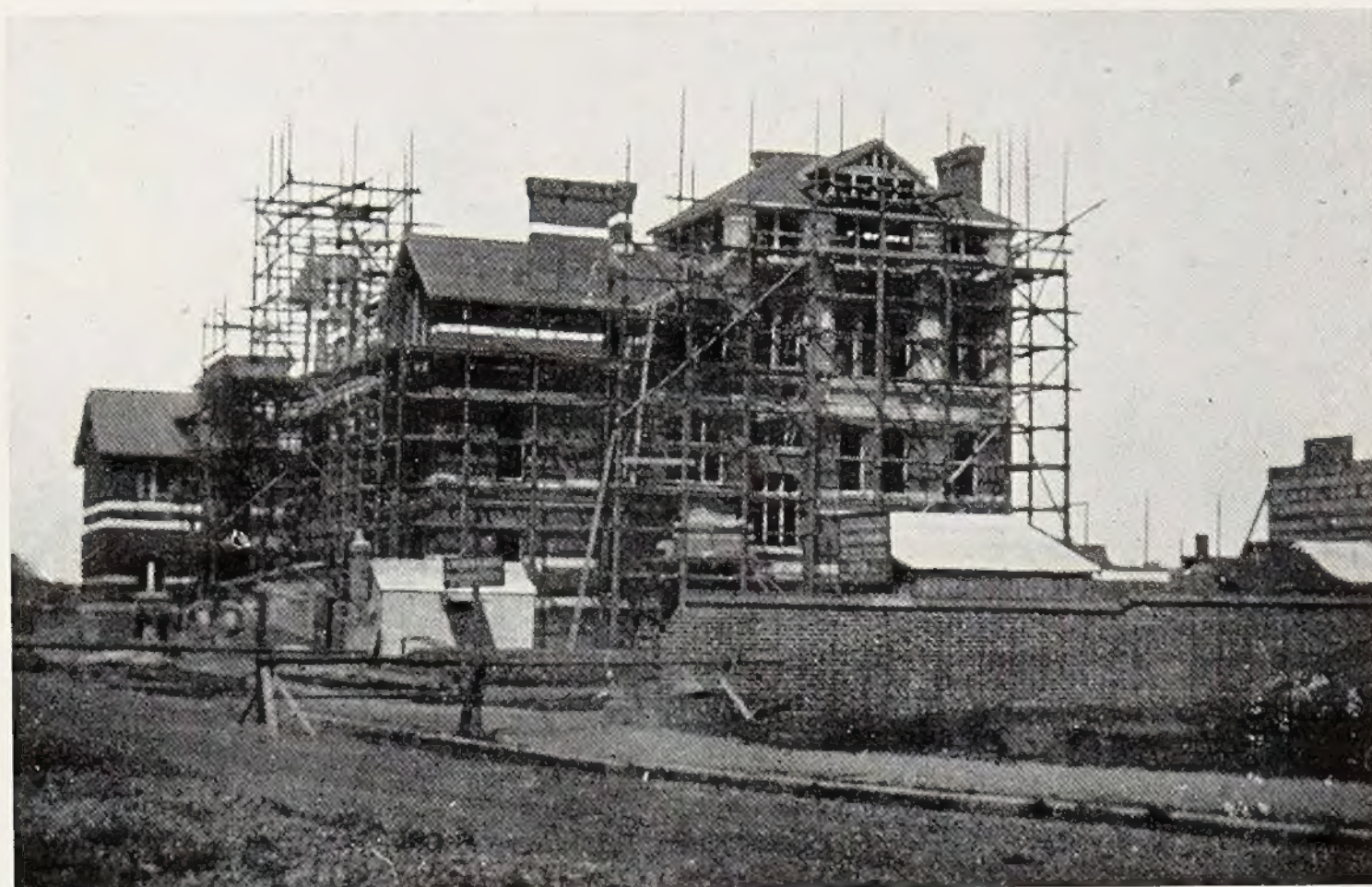
PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPOINTMENTS BUREAU

Any old Haberdasher who is looking for a suitable post in industry or commerce, whether at home or overseas, and who is not yet 24 years of age, is reminded that he may apply to the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, either for advice or for introductions to a prospective employer. The Bureau has at the moment applications for ex-Public School Boys from firms of all kinds, and many of the posts offered are very attractive. Interviews can be arranged (by appointment only) with "The Secretary", Public Schools Appointments Bureau, 29, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

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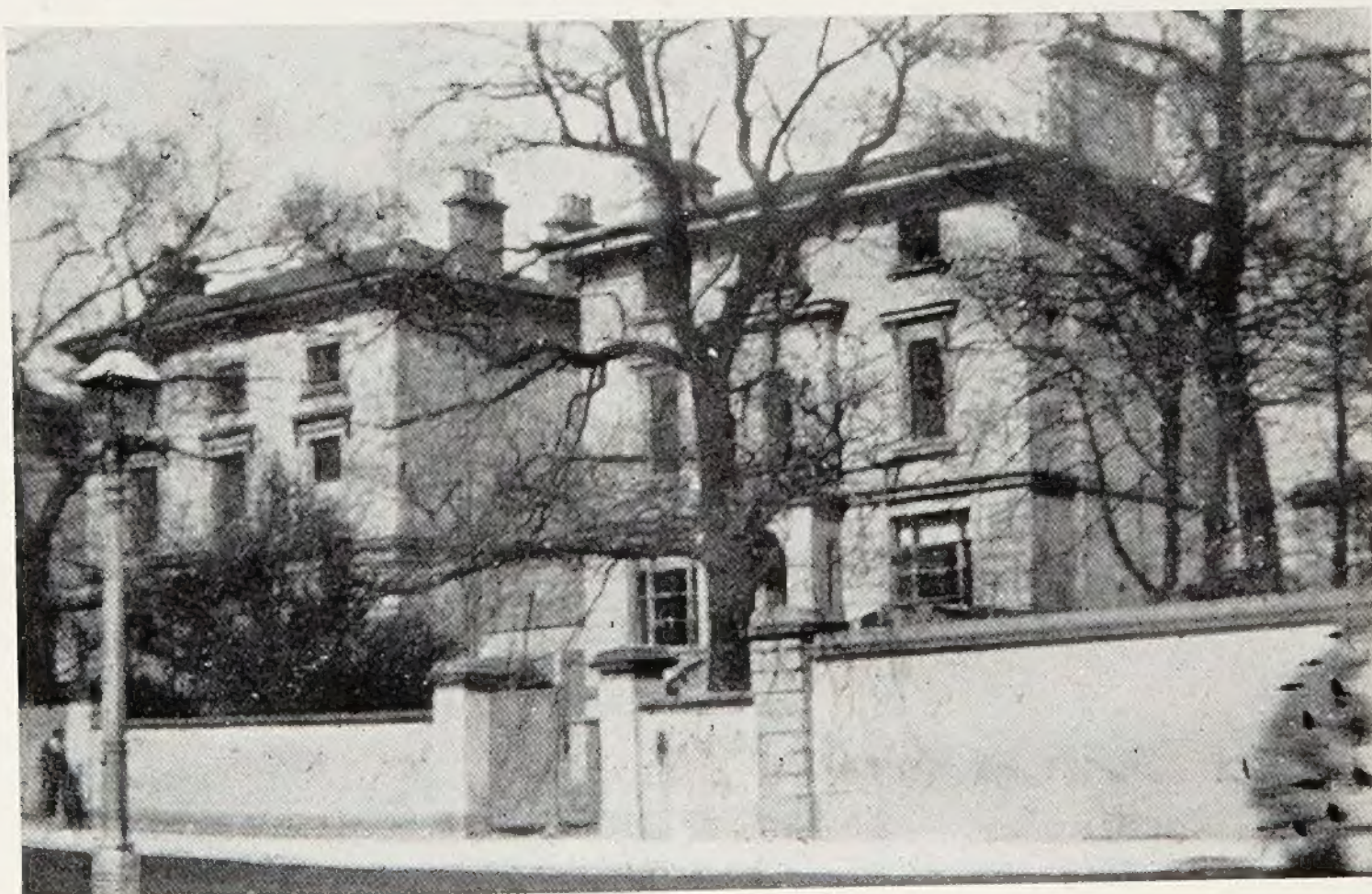
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